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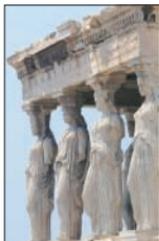


Far left: USA's Misty May, right, and Kerri Walsh celebrate winning the gold medal in the beach volleyball finals against Brazil at the Olympics in Athens on Tuesday. Left: USA's Elaine Youngs, left, and teammate Holly McPeak celebrate after winning the bronze medal over Australia.

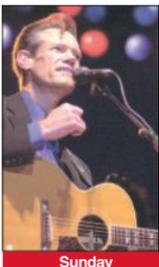
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## States

**Peterson trial:** Defense attorneys prodded Scott Peterson's one-time mistress about wiretapped calls between her and the former fertilizer salesman accused of murder, implying she did not fully cooperate with police.

At the trial in Redwood City, Calif., defense attorney Mark Geragos also attempted to portray Amber Frey as a calculated seductress and liar who was more obsessed with Peterson than he was with her.

According to police reports, authorities were suspicious that Frey may not have been taping all of her calls with Peterson or may have neglected to turn over some tapes, Geragos noted during the cross-examination Monday.

**Michael Jackson case:** After testimony from a dozen key witnesses in the Michael Jackson child molestation case, the judge issued tentative rulings on evidence seized in a search of Jackson's Neverland estate.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said Monday in Santa Maria, Calif., he was inclined to admit 39 pieces of evidence and is "concerned" about at least a dozen other items that he may order suppressed.

**Abortion clinic bombing:** A federal judge in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday gave orders for alleged serial bomber Eric Rudolph more time to draft a plan for fighting charges in a fatal attack on an abortion clinic.

U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith gave Rudolph's legal team until Sept. 15 to reveal their defense against charges that Rudolph planted a bomb outside a Birmingham women's clinic on Jan. 29, 1998, killing a police officer and critically injuring a nurse.

**Florida slayings:** A grand jury has indicted four men for the grisly slayings of six people in a Florida home, and the state prosecutor planned to seek the death penalty.

The alleged ringleader, Troy Victorino, 27, and Robert Cannon, Michael Salas and Jerome Hunter, all 18, were charged with first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, abuse of a dead body with a weapon and armed burglary. State Attorney John Tanner said he will seek the death penalty for all the defendants.

Police said the killings were the culmination of an argument between Victorino and one of the victims, Erin Belanger, 22, over an X-Box video game system and clothes owned by Victorino.

**Porn HIV scare:** A California state assemblyman has asked the adult entertainment industry of West Hollywood to adopt safe-sex measures or face the possibility of a law that would compel performers to use condoms.

Assemblyman Paul Koretz, chairman of the Labor and Employment Committee, said adult film stars should receive workplace health and safety protections like other Californians.

Koretz's comments follow a recent HIV scare that prompted producers to stop film-



**Indonesia Marriott bombing:** Two prosecution lawyers talk with Muslim militant Jhoni Hendrawan, alias Idris, center, before the start of his trial Tuesday in Jakarta, Indonesia. An Indonesian court sentenced Hendrawan to 10 years in jail for helping plan last year's J.W. Marriott Hotel bombing, but acquitted him of involvement in the 2002 Bali attacks. The August 2003 attack on the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta killed 12 people, while the bombing of nightclubs on the island of Bali killed 202. At least 10 people have been convicted in the Marriott attack.

ing for a few weeks. Two actors tested positive for the virus.

## World

**Fischer deportation:** Japan's Justice Ministry rejected former chess champion Bobby Fischer's demand for protection as a political refugee on Tuesday and issued an order to deport him.

Fischer, detained since July 13 for attempting to travel with an invalid U.S. passport, quickly appealed the decision, and his supporters said he would not be deported immediately.

The former chess great is wanted in the United States for violating international sanctions against Yugoslavia in 1992.

**Uzbekistan bombings:** Uzbekistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday sentenced 15 al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants to as long as 18 years in prison for a series of bombings that killed at least 47 people earlier this year.

The trial, which opened July 26, was the first against those accused in a series of March and April explosions and assaults on police that killed 33 militants, 10 police and four bystanders.

Other trials are expected with dozens more suspects in custody.

**'Scream' theft:** As police in Oslo continued their search Tuesday for two stolen Edward Munch masterpieces, a Norwegian magazine offered a reward for the works' return while a newspaper's front page demanded: "Bandits! Return 'The Scream' and 'Madonna.'"

The city-owned Munch Museum in Oslo reopened at noon Tuesday, two days after three masked robbers, at least one with a gun, snatched the national treasures as stunned visitors watched, and then fled in a stolen car.

Inspector Iver Stensrud of the Oslo police said the investigation was continuing at full force, but that he there were no new developments and no suspects.

## Business

**Italian airline woes:** State carrier Alitalia could be faced with collapse within 20 days without the approval of a restructuring plan that would allow the airline to tap into a loan of \$488 million, the company's chairman was quoted as saying in Italian news reports Tuesday.

The reports sent Alitalia shares tumbling 6.9 percent on the Milan market on Tuesday.

**Union negotiations:** US Airways' pilots union announced that negotiations on pay and benefit cuts broke down Monday, prompting the carrier's executives to ask that their latest proposal be taken directly to the union's leadership for a vote.

The collapse in talks underscores the friction between management and workers as the company seeks to secure \$800 million in cuts by the end of September to stave off its second bankruptcy filing in two years. But bringing the proposal to the union's executive council is likely to accelerate the contract process, said Standard & Poor's analyst Philip Bagaley.

Stories and photo from wire services

## Correction

In a story in Tuesday's editions about a Polish delegation's visit to Aviano Air Base, Italy, the name of Col. Wladyslaw Lesnikowski was misspelled.

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# Abuse report lays blame on DOD leadership

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. soldiers running the Abu Ghraib prison are mainly to blame for the inmate abuses there, but fault also lies with the Pentagon's most senior civilian and military officials, according to a report released Tuesday by an independent panel of civilian defense experts.

Senior leaders did not establish clear guidelines on permissible techniques for interrogating various categories of prisoners held at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq, the report said.

High-level commanders failed to shift resources to an under-

staffed and ill-trained prison detention unit once it became apparent that the system was out of control, the report said.

The findings were presented at a Pentagon news conference by James Schlesinger, the former secretary of defense who headed a four-person commission created last May by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"There was chaos at Abu Ghraib," Schlesinger said, and it was due in part to the fact that the prison was a regular target of shelling by an Iraqi insurgency not adequately anticipated by U.S. leaders.

The report said the direct responsibility lay with soldiers and commanders in the field rather than in Washington.

"There was direct responsibility for those activities on the part of the commanders on the scene up to the brigade level, because they did not adequately supervise what was going on at Abu Ghraib," Schlesinger said. "There was indirect responsibility at higher levels, in that the weaknesses at Abu Ghraib were well-known and that corrective action could have been taken and should have been taken."

He said Rumsfeld's office could be faulted for inadequate supervision, but he strongly objected to the suggestion that Rumsfeld should step down from his post.

"His resignation would be a boon to all of America's enemies," Schlesinger said.

Asked later about the culpability of senior military commanders, Schlesinger said "they were not focused on the detention operations," but even so they should not be forced to resign or be punished. He referred specifically to Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who was the top U.S. commander in Iraq during the period in question.

The mistreatment of prisoners, described by the commission as "acts of brutality and purposeless sadism," would have been avoided with proper training, leadership and oversight, it said.

The commission was particularly critical of Sanchez and other commanders.

"We believe Lt. Gen. Sanchez should have taken stronger action in November when he realized the extent of the leadership problems at Abu Ghraib," the report said. It concluded that he "failed to ensure proper staff oversight" of detention and interrogation operations.

The commission made no recommendations about disciplinary action against any civilian or military officials.

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## Iraqi troops working to seal Najaf shrine

### Police claim al-Sadr has fled the city

By ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI  
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — A Shiite insurgency appeared to be weakening Tuesday night as Iraqi forces moved to within 200 yards of the revered Imam Ali Shrine, and Iraq's defense minister once again demanded fighters loyal to a radical cleric surrender or face a violent raid.

The militant force, which once waged fierce battles with U.S. troops throughout the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, appeared to have considerably diminished in number after days of U.S. airstrikes and relentless pounding.

Hundreds of insurgents have been spotted leaving the city in recent days, witnesses said. Those that remained appeared to have pulled back to the area around the shrine, where the fighting Tuesday was concentrated, U.S. troops said.

Police say radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has not been seen in public for days, has

fled the city. His aides vigorously denied that, saying he is in a secret hideout here.

Regardless, the fiery, charismatic cleric's absence from the battlefield may have withered his followers' moral.

U.S. warplanes bombed the Old City late Tuesday for the third night in a row, witnesses reported. Huge blasts rang throughout the city for about 10 minutes followed by gunbattles and smaller explosions.

Earlier in the day, fierce fighting broke near the shrine compound, with rockets launched from U.S. helicopters kicking up clouds of smoke and debris. Drizzly fighting vehicles patrolling the nearly deserted, bullet-scarred streets attacked militants, who responded with mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

"We are under constant enemy small-arms, mortar, and RPG attack," said U.S. Lt. Chris Kent, whose unit was about 300 yards from the compound. "U.S. forces are consolidating positions to allow for future operations. Morale is very high."

## Sunset in Najaf



JASON CHIU/Stars and Stripes

First Cavalry Division soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, work on their tanks Sunday just before sunset at Camp David in Najaf, Iraq. First Cav soldiers are in positions throughout the city.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, 958 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 716 died as a result of hostile action and 242 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 820 U.S. servicemembers have died — 607 as a result of hostile action and 213 of nonhostile causes, according to the Military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

- A soldier was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in west Mosul, Iraq.
- A Marine was killed in a vehicle accident Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq.
- In three separate incidents, one Marine was killed and three Marines died of wounds received Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- Killed Friday near Samarra, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near their vehicle; assigned to the Army National Guard's 216th Engineer Battalion, Hamilton, Ohio.
- Army 1st Lt. Charles L. Wilkins III, 30, Columbus, Ohio.
- Army Pfc. Ryan A. Martin, 22, Mount Vernon, Ohio.
- Killed Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq, assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- Marine Cpl. Nicanor Alvarez, 22, San Bernardino, Calif.
- Marine Sgt. Jason Cook, 25, Okanogan, Wash.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, 19, Perryton, Texas.
- Marine Pfc. Nachez Washalanta, 21, Bryan, Okla. Also killed:
- Army Pfc. Kevin A. Cumming, 22, White Plains, N.Y., killed Saturday in Baghdad in a grenade attack; assigned to 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.
- Marine Cpl. Christopher Belchik, 30, Alton, Ill., killed Sunday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

## Four honored for valor

Four 1st Infantry Division soldiers from Troop F, 4th Cavalry, were recently awarded Army Commendation Medals with valor for heroism in combat, according to a military news release.

Three ARCOMs with valor went to 1st Lt. Carl E. Gregory of Stilwell, Okla.; Sgt. Mitchell W. Wagner of North Canton, Ohio; and Spc. Paul Carrisoza of Hemet, Calif., for their fighting roles in Baquba on April 11-13. The three, attached to a tank company, helped open up an avenue of approach to the center of the city, according to the release.

Pfc. John M. White of Anchorage, Alaska, was awarded the ARCOM with valor for aiding a wounded soldier under fire after the soldier's Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Col. Dana J.H. Pittard, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, awarded the medals during a brief ceremony Aug. 6.

From staff reports

# Judge refuses to order Rumsfeld to talk

## Also rules intelligence officers may have to testify in Abu Ghraib prison abuse case, unless charged

BY DAVID RISING  
The Associated Press

MANNHEIM, Germany — A U.S. military judge hearing the scope of the scandal beyond the Abu Ghraib prison abuse case refused Tuesday to order Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to talk to lawyers about prisoner interrogation policy, but suggested he may force key military intelligence officers to testify unless the government charges them.

The ruling on the officers opened the door to broadening the scope of the scandal beyond the 372nd Military Police Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit to which all soldiers charged so far were assigned.

Chief prosecutor Maj. Michael Holly told the court two low-ranking soldiers from a military intelligence unit who "we believe are co-conspirators" would probably be charged soon.

The military police are facing charges of mistreating prisoners at the Baghdad jail. A seventh, Sgt. Jeremy C. Sivits, pleaded guilty May 19 and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. On Tuesday, a lawyer for Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick said his client would also plead guilty to some charges. Frederick had decided to do the "honest and

digified thing" and hoped others in the group would step forward, lawyer Gary Myers said outside the courtroom.

"He's taking responsibility for certain acts," Myers said, adding that an agreement had been reached with prosecutors to drop other charges against him at a hearing on Oct. 20 in Baghdad. He refused to elaborate, saying, "There's always the possibility something will change."

Frederick is charged with mistreating detainees, conspiracy to mistreat detainees, dereliction of duty and committing an inexact act.

Attorneys for Sgt. Javal Davis demanded that Rumsfeld and his deputy Stephen Cambone submit to an interview, claiming Rumsfeld had signed a 2002 memo authorizing the use of dogs, nudity, physical contact and isolation against prisoners at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Judge Col. James Pohl rejected a request, but said the motion may be brought back if the defense can fill some of the gaps between the accusations against Davis and Rumsfeld's alleged policy.

"There's got to be some links in that chain," Pohl said. "I'm not saying there is not a link. I'm say-

ing at this point you haven't shown me sufficient evidence."

Davis and the five other military police facing charges of abusing prisoners at the Baghdad prison insist they were following orders from military intelligence officers and civilian contractors.

Davis' civilian attorney, Paul Bergin, asked the court to grant immunity from prosecution to Col. Thomas Pappas, the military intelligence commander at Abu Ghraib, and several other officers who may have known of the abuse but have refused to talk to investigators citing their right to avoid self-incrimination.

The testimony would broaden the case beyond the reservists and raise the possibility that intelligence officers and others within the military encouraged the abuse to gain information about Iraqi insurgents battling U.S. troops.

But prosecutors argued they might charge the officers after the military completes a report on the role of military intelligence facilities that is expected to be presented to U.S. Congress early next month, which could be made difficult if they were given immunity.

Pohl gave the prosecution until Sept. 17 to convince him that they



**U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick and his wife, Martha, talk to the media Tuesday in front of the U.S. military court at Taylor Barracks in Mannheim, Germany, where Frederick and another soldier charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad had their pretrial hearings.**

should not be compelled to testify. He made it clear, however, that if the government does not intend to file major charges against the officers by then, he would probably grant them immunity to testify.

"This would appear to be critical information to the defendants — that this was condoned by the higher-ups," Pohl told the prosecutors. "You know where this is going — it's either pay me now or pay me later."

The judge said he would also have Reserve Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the military police commander at Abu Ghraib at the time of the alleged abuse, compelled to testify at the upcoming courts martial.

In the second day of pretrial hearings of four defendants at a U.S. military barracks in Germany, Davis admitted that he initially lied to a military investigator by saying he did not take part in mistreatment.

## Official says U.S. is watching Afghan trial of alleged vigilantes

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — There is no evidence to support claims by three Americans that they were severely beaten in jail since their arrest on charges they kidnaped Afghans as part of a freelance counterterrorism operation, a U.S. official said Tuesday.

"They are being treated well," said the official, who spoke on condition he not be further identified.

U.S. consular officials have met with the defendants, Jonathan "Jack" Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett, and the American official said there was no evidence the men were beaten.

The three face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges of torture and kidnapping. They were arrested July 5 when authorities freed about a dozen Afghan men being held at a private jail. The men were allegedly tortured using boiling water, and much of the abuse was apparently videotaped.

Idema, a former U.S. soldier with a checkered past that includes a stint in federal prison for fraud, denies he tortured anyone and claims he was working with the approval of the Pentagon and senior Afghan authorities. Videos of the alleged torture had not been played in court.

The American official said there is nothing to Idema's claim that he was working for the government.



**Jonathan Idema, 48, charged with running his own private prison and abusing Afghan prisoners in Kabul, strains to hear while standing trial on Monday.**

"I can find no evidence whatsoever that Jack worked for us or was doing anything with the U.S. government," he said.

The American official said the embassy wants to make sure the trial is conducted fairly, but also recognizes the right of Afghans to pursue a case.

"Our embassy is watching closely and we should let the trial proceed and not try to influence it," he said. "The charges leveled are very serious charges about serious crimes," he said.

The U.S. military has described Idema as a freelancer with no connections to it whatsoever. However, it has acknowledged receiving a prisoner from his crew and holding the man for about two months. The suspect subsequently been released.

## Bin Laden driver charged with conspiracy at Gitmo

BY PAISLEY DODDS

The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Osama bin Laden's chauffeur was formally charged Tuesday before the first U.S. military commissions since World War II, sparking a pretrial hearing as his defense lawyer challenged the legality of the hearings.

Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a 34-year-old Yemeni, said he earned a pittance for his family as bin Laden's driver prior to Sept. 11 attack, but he has denied involvement in terrorism.

U.S. officials allege he served as the al-Qaida leader's bodyguard and delivered weapons to his operatives. Hamdan was charged with conspiracy as an al-Qaida member to commit war crimes, including attacking civilians and civilian targets, murder, destroying property and terrorism.

The hearing marked the first such tribunal proceedings since World War II. The five-member commission allows for secret evidence and no federal appeals.

"This process goes against everything that we fought for in the history of the United States," Hamdan's attorney, Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Swift, said earlier in the week.

Hamdan could choose not to enter a plea. Swift has filed a lawsuit in U.S. civilian courts that is to be heard in Washington, D.C., alleging the commissions violate U.S. and international law.

"Mr. Hamdan has languished in solitary confinement without good cause for more

than eight months awaiting a hearing," Swift said in his statement. Hamdan was among six prisoners designated for commissions being held in isolation cells.

Swift contends Hamdan was a pilgrim who took a job at bin Laden's farm on his way to Tajikistan in 1996 or 1997, that he had no knowledge of bin Laden's activities and he never took up arms against the United States.

According to court documents, Hamdan complained he was "going crazy" in solitary confinement. "I have not been permitted to see the sun or hear other people outside or talk with other people. I am alone except for a guard," Hamdan said in February in an affidavit. "One month is like a year here, and I have considered pleading guilty in order to get out of here," Hamdan said after two months in solitary.

Before his transfer to Guantanamo, Hamdan was held for six months in U.S. custody in Afghanistan. There, he said he was beaten, forced to lie still for days, dressed in overalls in freezing temperatures and shown a gun while being threatened with death and torture.

The Pentagon, in a charge sheet, alleged Hamdan, who is also known as Saq al Jaddawi, was bin Laden's driver and bodyguard between February 1996 and Nov. 24, 2001.

The Pentagon also alleged he transported weapons to al-Qaida operatives, trained at an al-Qaida camp and drove in convoys that carried bin Laden. It does not say he took part in any specific acts of violence or participated in planning any attacks.

# Errors rampant in deployed Reserve pay

## GAO finds 95 percent of Army reservists studied had experienced payroll problems

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Army Reserve payroll procedures for activated soldiers are so convoluted that mistakes occurred in 95 percent of the cases examined by congressional auditors, the Government Accountability Office said Monday.

Soldiers sent to Iraq and Afghanistan have had to spend a year or more straightening out problems affecting their pay, allowances and tax benefits, the GAO said.

Most errors involved overpayments, but those proved to be problematic for soldiers who didn't acknowledge the extra pay or didn't set aside enough money to pay it back. In one example, the GAO recommended a criminal investigation for a sol-

dier who didn't report \$36,000 in overpayments.

The GAO found the payment system was so "error-prone, cumbersome and complex that neither [the Defense Department] nor, more importantly, Army Reserve soldiers themselves could be reasonably assured of timely and accurate payments."

It warned the payroll problems could hurt morale and the Army's efforts to retain reservists.

In its response, the Pentagon agreed with 15 GAO recommendations for improving payroll procedures and said it is already taking steps to correct the problems.

The GAO report comes as the National Guard and Reserve take on an increasingly

important role in Iraq, making up about 40 percent of the total force. Active-duty forces have been stretched thin as fighting with insurgents continues.

The GAO previously found similar problems affecting the Army National Guard. In November, it reported payroll problems affecting 450 of 481 mobilized soldiers whose records it examined.

In the Army Reserve study, it examined the payroll records of 348 soldiers who were mobilized, deployed and demobilized from August 2002 to January 2004. The soldiers were in seven Army Reserve units providing combat support in Iraq or Afghanistan and one providing homeland defense services.

It found 332 of the soldiers had at least one problem. Overall, the problems

amounted to \$375,000 in pay and allowances, including \$247,000 in overpayments to 256 soldiers.

The problems often lingered unresolved, sometimes lasting more than a year.

"A number of soldiers and their families told us they spent considerable time and effort on these pay issues, sometimes while soldiers were deployed to hostile environments overseas," the GAO said.

"Soldiers were sometimes required to spend considerable time and were frustrated in their efforts to determine the exact sums owed or establish a repayment plan." Activated Army reservists may receive extra pay for such factors as hazardous duty, foreign language proficiency or hardship assignments. They are also eligible for allowances, such as for housing and family separation.



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Pfc. Terrence Martin, of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, searches for an enemy sniper. Martin spent part of Monday evening searching for the elusive sniper, who fired small arms and a rocket-propelled grenade at him, but Martin never got the enemy in his cross hairs.

## As bullets fly, U.S. sniper in hot pursuit of insurgent

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq — It's a deadly game of cat and mouse, where the loser takes a bullet.

Two snipers: One American and one unknown foe spent part of Monday evening hunting each other near an Iraqi police station in Najaf.

Only in this hunt, the 1st Cavalry Division soldier doesn't know where his adversary is, and the enemy knows exactly where the Americans are.

But, the enemy sniper isn't accurate enough to hit any of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment soldiers, who have 120 mm mortars set up in his hunting ground.

Bullets occasionally whizzed past Pfc. Terrence Martin of Headquarters Company, as he and another soldier, Spc. Adam Kohler, scanned a cluster of buildings a few hundred meters from the police station.

"Basically we're trying to find out where he's at," said Martin, 21, of Mesquite, Texas. "They brought us in to find this guy ... a couple of days ago."

The enemy sniper has fired scores of rounds at American soldiers, and even a few rocket-propelled grenades. The soldiers man mortars and must re-

main in their immediate location to lob rounds when called upon.

"Last night, he was shooting at us," said Kohler, a mortarman with the 2-7 Cav. "That's dangerous, especially when we have 120 mm explosives."

"Well, he's missed me 70 times so far, hopefully he'll continue to miss me," said Spc. Leonid Yuzkov, who mans a .50-caliber machine gun with the mortar unit.

Yuzkov and a handful of other soldiers stood in a secure building courtyard and watched Martin stalk the sniper from the large lot filled with military and civilian vehicles. They are more than morbid spectators.

"Plain and simple, if he gets hit, someone has to go out to get him medical attention," said Pvt. Gary Clark, also with Headquarters Company.

After about 20 minutes, Martin returned unscathed, having neither spotted the sniper nor fired any rounds at the elusive enemy.

A few minutes later, the crews headed out to their mortars and Martin returned to the lot to continue the hunt.

Suddenly, an RPG sailed through the lot, the sniper's reminder to Martin that he's still out there too, hunting.

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## 1st ID soldier convicted of AWOL in Würzburg

### Soldier cited string of problems at home

BY STEVE LEWIS

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Plagued with family problems back in the United States, Pfc. Christopher Williams said he couldn't get his Iraq-deployed unit to give him emergency leave. So he took off on his own, three different times.

For that, Williams, 20, of the 1st Infantry Division's 101st Military Intelligence Battalion will lose his Army career. In a court-martial Tuesday, the military judge, Col. Stephanie Browne, found him guilty of three counts of absent without leave and one count of disobeying an order.

"His actions solely taxed an already undermanned unit," said Capt. Don Noble, the military prosecutor. "He could have helped his family much better if he'd stayed on task and followed the 1st ID motto, 'Duty First.'"

According to testimony from fellow soldiers, Williams had been a solid soldier until late last year, when he suffered a run of family tragedy.

Williams told the court three friends were murdered in a drive-by shooting. His older brother's entire family was hit by a truck. His wife, who remained in the States with the couple's son, had cancer, was suicidal, and was pregnant with a child fathered by Williams' cousin.

Then in early February, a few days before the 101st MI deployed to Iraq, Williams learned his younger brother was in a coma after an epileptic seizure. He said his commander denied a request for emergency leave.

Within days he was sent back to Germany for a psychiatric evaluation. He said he sank deeper into depression when the unit refused to let him go home.

"I felt like they weren't doing anything for me, so I just left," Williams told the court. He went AWOL three times for a total of 100 days, staying with a friend off-base because he lacked a passport to go to the States. He was jailed July 7.

"He feels so confused and so alone," said his attorney, Capt. Debra Quanebeck. "He doesn't know what to do."

But Capt. Tanya Burke, the unit's rear detachment commander, said Williams told her about nothing except his marital problems and his brother's epilepsy. She said he never formally requested leave and didn't attend required counseling sessions.

Browne sentenced Williams to serve eight months in prison and forfeit all pay, reduced him to the lowest enlisted rank and gave him a bad-conduct discharge. An agreement with prosecutors cut the jail time to six months.

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## Roadside bombs destroyed near Samarra

North Dakota National Guard soldiers from the 141st Engineer Battalion discovered two homemade bombs during road-clearing operations Saturday in the dangerous area near Samarra, Iraq, according to the Task Force Danger daily briefing report.

The bombs were successfully destroyed by the explosive ordnance disposal, the report said.

Samarra, 50 miles north of Baghdad, has been a center of resistance to the occupation by U.S. and other coalition forces. It is patrolled by soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-26, made up largely of soldiers from 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, Wiesbaden, Germany.

From staff reports

# Bell: USAREUR, V Corps to be one command

## General expects U.S. Army Europe numbers to be cut by two-thirds

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The top two Army commands in Europe will be merged into a single rapidly deployable headquarters as part of an overhaul of U.S. forces overseas.

V Corps, which led the assault into Iraq, and U.S. Army Europe, its parent command, will morph into one unit combining the functions of both headquarters, USAREUR commander Gen. B.B. Bell wrote in a message to troops and families throughout Europe on Saturday.

The announcement comes on the heels of President Bush's decision to withdraw up to 70,000 troops from Europe and South Korea.

Currently, USAREUR has 62,000 troops spread across 240 in-

stallations. Most of those bases are clustered in 14 communities, with the vast majority in Germany.

"We expect to reduce those numbers by two-thirds over the next 10 years," Bell wrote. "Our remaining units will have access to advanced training facilities, high capacity power-projection infrastructure, modernized well-being infrastructure and services, and state-of-the-art communications."

The 1st Armored and 1st Infantry divisions, both heavy tank and

mechanized infantry units in Germany, will move to bases in the United States as part of the restructuring. Officials hope to move one of the Army's new Stryker Brigades to the Grafenwöhr training hub in eastern Germany, Bell wrote.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, will get a third battalion of paratroops as well as additional support units, Bell wrote.

Units remaining in Europe will be joined by rotational brigades from the States, which primarily will deploy to new "forward operating sites in the territories of our new NATO partners to the east," Bell wrote.

Romania, Bulgaria and Poland have been singled out by defense officials as possible hosts.

Overseeing it all will be the new merged command, named U.S.

Army Europe & Task Force 5.

With USAREUR a four-star command and V Corps a three-star billet, it's unclear whether the new command will be led by a three- or four-star general.

USAREUR and V Corps' separate brigades — mostly logistics and support units — will be merged and streamlined into what officials are calling Units of Action, under a new Armywide reorganization of combat formations.

"These USAs will provide the correct mix of rapidly deployable, early entry enablers for joint operations," wrote Bell.

Army forces in Europe will include USAs for aviation, engineering, communications, military police, intelligence, artillery, medical and others.

"We will also establish one or two additional small, light and mobile [Joint Task Force]-capable

headquarters ready for contingencies around the globe," he wrote.

Meanwhile, Bell stated, many units may soon be moving out of Europe or disbanding entirely. "Some units may inactive or return to [the continental United States] in the relative near-term," wrote Bell. But, he added, "There will be no surprises. If your unit is affected you and you and your family will have time to properly prepare."

Bell also promised that no unit would be reactivated directly from combat zones in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Every deployed unit "will reemploy and reintegrate at its European home base first," he pledged. "No family will be left to move themselves."

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Bell



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U.S. Air Force C-130s sit on the tarmac at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Ramstein's runway will be completely closed, for a week and partially closed for another week in September while emergency repairs are done. Planes, passengers and wounded troops will be rerouted to Mildenhall, England, and to Frankfurt, Spangdahlem and Zweibrücken in Germany.

# Ramstein runway to close for repairs next month

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A major portion of military air traffic in the European theater will be rerouted for 10 days in September when the Ramstein Air Base runway closes for repairs.

The runway will shut down from Sept. 13-17, then partially reopen Sept. 18-22, while contractors repair deteriorated concrete and asphalt, Lt. Col. Cliff Puckett, commander of the 435th Operations Support Squadron, said Monday. The runway is to reopen completely on Sept. 23, though it may take a few days for all air traffic to return.

The runway has deteriorated due to heavy use during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, and the normal freeze-thaw cycle of the changing seasons, he said.

Airfield managers had hoped that a new runway under construction would be completed in time to allow major repairs on the old landing strip. But work on the new runway, being readied for the transfer of all military air traffic from Rhein-Main Air Base to Ramstein by December 2005, is three months behind schedule, Puckett said.

"We haven't had the luxury of saying we're just going to close a 9,200-foot national asset that we really need," Puckett said.

But, as the OEF and OIF missions have "matured" into a more predictable schedule, managers were able to reorganize the average of 90 takeoffs and landings a day at Ramstein to work around the construction. The repairs will cost \$90,000.

"We need a viable runway at least until April 2005," when the new runway is expected to be finished, Puckett said. Roughly 3,000 duty and space-available passengers will be affected by the detours, said Capt. Kieran Keelty of Ramstein's aerial port operations office.

Large cargo lifters such as C-5s and contracted 747s will be unable to use Ramstein the entire 10 days, Puckett said. But all other, more versatile and smaller planes will be able to return to Ramstein. Sept. 18, when 7,000 feet of the 9,200-foot runway reopen.

The closure means that cargo and passenger traffic, including movement of wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, and training flights, will head to at least six alternate airfields in Germany, England, Kyrgyzstan and Iceland, Puckett said.

If needed, passengers and wounded either will be bused from alternate airfields to their destinations or flown there on Army helicopters. Some space-available travel from Ramstein will be completely canceled during the first five days of the closure.

The closure of Europe's busiest military airfield has forced Ramstein airfield managers and Air Mobility Command leaders to reroute traffic as follows:

■ Sept. 13-17: At least four of Ramstein's 86th Airlift Wing aircraft, which primarily carry cargo and passengers to the Balkans, will be rerouted to Spangdahlem Air Base. Duty passengers on their way to the region still will be processed at the Ramstein Air Terminal, but will be bused to Spangdahlem to catch flights. Showtimes for an average of 300 passengers on those flights that week will increase from three to at least six hours, to ensure they make their connections.

Wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan will be flown to Rhein-Main and bused to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Patients who need to get to LRMCC immediately will be airlifted there by Army helicopters, which will be staged at a private airfield in Zweibrücken.

The 86th Airlift Wing's fleet of C-21s and C-20s, used primarily for transport of "distinguished visitors," such as military brass and congressional delegates, will operate out of Zweibrücken. Distinguished visitors will be driven to Ramstein or, in some cases, taken there by Army helicopters.

Emergency medical evacuation C-21s, which transport ill patients from around the European theater to Landstuhl Regional

Medical Center, will be staged at Zweibrücken. Patients then will be bused or flown by helicopter to LRMCC.

Ramstein's 37th Airlift Squadron will conduct a training deployment to Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

■ Sept. 13-22: Air Mobility Command aircraft from the United States and around the globe will land at RAF Mildenhall, England. Cargo already in place at Ramstein will be trucked to Mildenhall, where it will be loaded on AMC planes for transport. Cargo landing at Mildenhall will be trucked back to Ramstein.

AMC will send 55 people to Mildenhall to help handle the increased operations — about 11 extra planes a week.

AMC will reroute three flights a week, with an average of 14 Space-A duty passengers each, from Ramstein to Rhein-Main Air Base or to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, for transport to Kandahar, Karshi Khanabad and Bagram, Afghanistan.

"Residual" air traffic, such as NATO aircraft, Air National Guard and Air Reserve planes, and any others, will use any available airfields in the European theater.

■ Space-available travel from Ramstein will be canceled Sept. 13-17. From Sept. 18-22, the only space-A travel in Europe will be aboard C-130 "channel" flights within the theater.

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### Additional low-carb products added to many commissaries

An estimated 30-50 million people in the United States are currently living the low-carb lifestyle, vigilantly counting carbohydrate grams listed on the packages of everything they eat. DeCA has responded to this phenomenon by increasing the selection of low-carb products in many stores. Available now in larger commissaries are special low-carb sections that feature reduced-carbohydrate sauces, pastas, baking mixes, breads, salad dressings, breakfast foods and energy bars.

### DeCA's Web site provides link to official absentee voter information

Stocking the pantry and democracy: What might these two things have in common? It's more than you might think. The Defense Commissary Agency is working with the Department of Defense to educate uniformed and overseas citizens on absentee voting.

For its part, DeCA has created a link on <http://www.commissaries.com> called Federal Voting Assistance Program. The link is connected to an official DoD site that is packed with helpful information from general to specific, including topics such as absentee voting, individual state registration requirements and how to apply for an absentee ballot. The information is updated regularly and provides answers to almost any voting-related question 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Web site also contains links to all state election sites, providing information about upcoming elections,

and links to official Web sites of U.S. Senators and Representatives. When surfing DeCA's Web site for the latest commissary news, be sure to click the Federal Voting Assistance Program link and check out this valuable resource.



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# Memorial honors victims of WWII mob

## German townspeople took out anger about bombings on U.S. airmen

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**O**RÜSSELSCHEIM, Germany — A cup of coffee in a makeshift art studio above a busy intersection near the Main River, a bag lady points to the street below and recounts for her painter-host a little-known story about her town and World War II. That chance encounter 13 years ago between the woman and artist Hans Diebschlag helped inspire an effort that will culminate Thursday with the dedication of a memorial to an American B-24 bomber crew beaten and stoned by an angry mob on the morning of Aug. 26, 1944.

The heart-wrenching saga of 2nd Lt. Norman J. Rogers Jr. and his eight crewmen is an extraordinary story — but one that has been largely forgotten on both sides of the Atlantic.

"It's a very dramatic story," said Peter Karle, the German architect who designed the monument in Rüsselsheim, where the attack took place.

There are many layers to it, too. Historically speaking, the landmark trial of 11 Rüsselsheim citizens in July 1945 marked the first proceeding of its kind in the American zone of occupation. It also served as a guide for the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal that started four months later.

And, in an ironic twist, the remembrance in Rüsselsheim is occurring the same week the U.S. military is holding preliminary hearings for four terrorism suspects at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The proceedings are the first U.S. military tribunals since Nuremberg.

A central figure in the Rüsselsheim trial was the U.S. Army prosecutor, Lt. Col. Leon Jaworski. Thirty years later, Jaworski gained fame as the special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation of President Nixon.

Jaworski's prosecution in the 1945 case led to the conviction of 10 of the 11 conspirators, though it was later determined that scores of other people were involved. Five of the 10 who stood trial went to the gallows. A sixth, a German soldier, was convicted and executed in 1946.

The attack on the U.S. aircraft happened the morning after the city was heavily damaged in a massive bombing raid by the Royal Air Force. While the city



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From left, Thomas Poth, Ulrike Jurig, Dagmar Eichhorn and Martin Schlappner get their first look at a monument Tuesday honoring six U.S. airmen killed by a mob in Rüsselsheim, Germany, during World War II.

was home to a sprawling auto plant, converted to produce aircraft parts for the German air force, much of the damage occurred in residential areas.

In his book "Wolfsangel," Augusto Negro noted that Rüsselsheim had been bombed before and that residents, like others throughout Germany, had come to refer to Allied air crews as *Terrorflieger*, or terror fliers.

Large-scale "strategic" bombings, in which cities and civilians well behind enemy lines were pounded from the air, was a precept first accelerated by Britain in early 1942, the American professor wrote. Germany adopted the tactic a few months later, leveling cities such as Coventry, in England. The tactic, a tenet of the "total war" concept, "introduced a new kind of terrorism into an already terrible war," Negro wrote.

It was against this backdrop that Rogers' crew parachuted into northern Germany on the night of Aug. 24 after their B-24 Liberator was shot down following a bombing run on an air base near Hanover. All were captured and transported to an air base near the city of Münster.

One of the nine airmen, Staff

Sgt. Forrest W. Brinnistool, was taken to a medical clinic where he was operated on for shrapnel wounds. He remained behind while the others were loaded onto a train for a trip south to the prisoner interrogation center in Oberursel, near Frankfurt.

The RAF raid on Rüsselsheim in the early hours of Aug. 26 damaged the train tracks in town. When the train carrying Rogers and his crew neared the city, the eight Americans were taken off the train and escorted through town by two German soldiers. The idea was to cut through the city on foot and catch another train on the opposite side of town.

During the "death march," as Negro called it, residents of Rüsselsheim took their anger out on the crew, thinking they were Canadian fliers from the previous night's raid. What began as taunts escalated into accusations, and before long a mob descended on the crew, attacking them with building material, stones, bricks, lumber and even hammers. The German soldiers disappeared.

"There were more than 100 people involved in the murders, in the massacre," said Dagmar Eichhorn, a principal proponent of the memorial.

The bodies were loaded onto a farmer's cart and taken to a local cemetery. While one of the residents swung a 2-by-4 to quiet the groans of those men still alive, an air raid siren sent everyone scurrying for cover.

William M. Adams and Sidney Eugene Brown, both sergeants, managed to pull themselves off the wagon and slip away, avoiding capture for four days before their luck ran out. They spent the rest of the war in POW camps, never revealing to their captors what had happened to them.

After the war, Adams and Brown told Army officials what transpired in Rüsselsheim, but amid all the postwar chaos, word didn't reach Jaworski until after the trial. Instead, the Army learned of the mob's attack from French and Polish slave laborers.

Over the years, the story has surfaced from time to time, but it largely has been forgotten, especially by the people of Rüsselsheim. Eichhorn explained that most simply wanted to put the episode behind them.

Given that U.S. authorities were able to prosecute only a fraction of those involved, Eichhorn said, "It was dangerous for peo-

ple in Rüsselsheim to talk about this."

That explains why Diebschlag, the artist who is also a native of Rüsselsheim, though he later moved to England, didn't know the story.

When the bag lady told him the story, he incorporated elements of it into the painting commissioned by the city. The painting, a satirical work that drew plenty of detractors, hung in an assembly hall for four years before a new mayor ordered it removed.

The decision led to a public forum about the painting and the city's wartime past, which spurred Eichhorn and others to lead the effort to build the memorial.

Of the three airmen aboard the B-24 that was shot down who survived the war, only Brown is alive today. He is expected to attend Thursday's dedication, along with Rogers' daughter and granddaughter. Eichhorn credits Brown's forgiveness, Negro's book and Diebschlag's painting for helping the city face its past and heal wartime wounds.

The war, Eichhorn said, "was a very hard time for all of us."

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# Hagee seeks expanded at-sea combat staging

## Navy, Marines developing strategy to place forces in war zone without using other nations

BY CARLOS BONGIOANNI

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps is developing plans to strike in force deep within war zones without having to use other countries as staging areas, as happened in Kuwait prior to the invasion of Iraq, the Corps' commandant, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, says.

Speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, Hagee recapped what the Marine Corps has done the past few years in the global war against terror. He also outlined the role the Corps will play in years to come.

Just over a year after the November 2001 operations in Afghanistan, some 70,000 Marines and sailors from ships in the Persian Gulf, went ashore in Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In the future, "we want to be able to do that operation without having Kuwait" as a staging area, said Hagee. "Can we do that today? No. Can we do it in the future? We believe so."

A key strategy the Navy and Marine Corps are trying to develop, Hagee said, is the ability to place forces deep within enemy territory, within 10 to 12 days — up to 15,000 Marines with all the equipment and logistical support needed to sustain combat operations.

In past wars, he noted, the strategy was to get a foothold on an island or peninsula and then build a "gigantic mound" of sup-

plies and logistics. "We don't want to do that anymore," the general said. "We want that to remain at sea."

The arrival and assembly of Marines, their equipment and supplies would occur aboard ships at sea and then there would be "selective off-loads" from sea to specific sites ashore.

A smaller version of the concept worked well in Afghanistan, Hagee noted. Two months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he said the Marines were the only force ready to launch a large-scale ground attack from inside Afghanistan against Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

"We projected combat power 400 miles," to get some 4,000 Marines aboard ships in the Arabian Sea ashore inside landlocked Afghanistan, Hagee recounted. "Prior to that, our doctrine said we could project power ashore from the sea only about 200 nautical miles."

Hagee said one of his major concerns as commandant of the Marine Corps is providing the capabilities that joint-force combat commanders need, "much more rapidly than we can today."

To beef up capabilities, the Navy and Marine Corps have, over the past few years, developed expeditionary strike groups, Hagee said. These are the old amphibious ready groups and Marine expeditionary units, but they have added destroyers and cruisers, as well as a submarine. The entire group trains together and deploys together.

"The combatant commander likes them a great deal ... They bring more strike capability and additional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. They come as a complete package, and he can use them wherever he wants."

But one problem with the strike groups, especially those deploying from the West Coast, is it takes up to 45 days to get to Central Command's area of operation in the Arabian Sea or Persian Gulf. And it takes another 45 days to return home.

"That's over a third of the time that they're deployed, a third of the time the Central Command combatant commander does not have that capability," said Hagee.

To address that concern, the Navy and the Marine Corps have been experimenting with a concept called sea swap. The idea is to leave the ships and their equipment in the theater where they are needed and rotate sailors and Marines in and out.

"The Navy has done it on smaller ships, with some success," said Hagee.

"But it's never been done on a large deck, like ... [an amphibious assault ship] or carrier, and it's never been done for a large number of ships at the same time. ... We're going to experiment with it over the next year or so, because if we can be successful, we can provide more capability for that combatant commander ... simply by keeping those platforms forward deployed."

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Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael W. Hagee speaks about the state of the Marine Corps to a crowd of roughly 200 people Monday during a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

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# Bahrain school to open

## Enrollment down as U.S. military families leave

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

Bahrain Elementary/High School will reopen for the school year, although fewer pupils and teachers will be in the classrooms following July's evacuation of military dependents.

"Our school there serves quite an international population, so we're reopening," said Frank O'Gara, spokesman for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe.

Last month, the Pentagon or-

dered the relocation of nearly 1,000 U.S. dependents from the tiny nation in the Persian Gulf because of possible terrorist attacks. The relocation, to last at least 30 days, left many in doubt about whether the school would reopen.

The school, scheduled to reopen Aug. 31, serves a multinational population of students, including dependents of employees of the State Department, other federal agencies and an international population in Bahrain.

O'Gara said the school's projected enrollment is 485, down from

last year's enrollment of 736. He said 43 teachers will return to Bahrain for duty, while 10 others were reassigned to other DODDS-Europe locations because of the reduction in enrollment.

The military has not announced when, or if, dependents will be allowed to return, Lt. Bill Speaks, spokesman for 5th Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, said Monday.

"There is still no change in the relocation policy," he said in a telephone interview.

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## Make up for the younger woman

Lauren Smith, 5, has her face painted by a volunteer at the annual block party on Saturday in Illshesh, Germany. Despite the rainy weather, hundreds of Stock Barracks family members and soldiers turned out for the luau-themed event, which also featured sky divers and a pig roast.

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# Internet coupons welcomed once again at commissaries

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — Commissary shoppers can again put their Internet surfing skills to good use.

This week, the Defense Commissary Agency began accepting coupons printed from the Internet, after refusing the printouts for nearly a year.

According to a DECA press release, the commissaries stopped accepting the coupons last September because fraudulent use of them was costing the grocery industry as a whole millions of dollars.

"The fraudulent use of the coupons involved [photocopying] them and trying to redeem them," said Kay Blakley, a spokeswoman for DECA in Europe.

Although the Web coupons are accepted now, there are limitations.

They must have bar codes, and no Internet coupon for free items can be redeemed.

"Generally, the coupons must be name-brand coupons that can be accepted at any store," Blakley said.

According to Blakley, the coupons can be found at sites that cater to military life, such as [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) or at Web sites for product manufacturers. There are many Internet coupon sites as well, but many offer store-specific coupons that can't be used at the commissary, Blakley said.

The commissary also will have links to Internet coupon sites in the future at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), Blakley said.

The Internet coupons are used like other coupons, with no limits on the number used unless specified on the coupon.

"It is just like any other coupon," Blakley said. "As long as it has a bar code that the cashier can scan, it is not fraudulent and is redeemable."

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## Command change

Lt. Col. Michael C. Bird replaced Lt. Col. Steven A. Shapiro as commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Combat Equipment Battalion-Luxembourg in a ceremony in Bettendorf, Luxembourg, on Aug. 9.

Bird was previously chief of the Army Special Operations Supply Support Activity, Blount Station, Ky. Earlier assignments include two combat tours and a wide variety of logistics-related command and staff positions.

Shapiro has taken up duties with the 3rd Corps Support Command at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

With a workforce of more than 200 mostly German personnel, the battalion repairs, maintains and delivers combat-ready equipment and material ranging from toolboxes to tanks for the Army.

discharge. Because of a pre-trial agreement, his sentence was reduced to 15 months.

He was found not guilty of attempting to distribute the material.

Patrick was assigned to a NATO operation in Greece. He was tried in Vicenza because it has the closest Army courtroom to his former duty station.

## Medieval days return

The golden age of medieval knights will be re-created at a 12th-century castle near Kings Lynn, England, this weekend.

The event will begin at 10:15 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday at Castle Rising Castle. This is the last event of the summer at the old castle.

Visitors will be able to wander through a living history camp and watch as knights are armed for combat. There will also be entertainment from that time period, including juggling, dancing and singing.

Tickets are 7 British pounds (about \$13) for adults and 3.50 pounds for children. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs 18.50 pounds.

Castle Rising Castle is north of King's Lynn on A149 toward Hunstanton, about one hour from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath.

## Antigua base extension

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Antigua and Barbuda's prime minister and American officials signed an agreement Monday extending the lease of the U.S. Air Force base in the Caribbean country until 2008.

The Antigua Air Station helps track spacecraft that take off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., said base commander Maj. Brian Gaude.

The new agreement, which takes effect in January, continues an arrangement between the U.S. military and the Antigua government that began in the early 1960s.

The U.S. government will continue to pay annual rent of \$1.25 million to Antigua's government under the deal.

From staff and wire reports

## Commissary bulk sales

Military commissaries worldwide are gearing up for their second case-lot sale of the year.

By purchasing in bulk, shoppers can save up to 50 percent on paper goods, canned goods, cleaning products and other items at 58 European commissaries, according to a Defense Commissary Agency news release.

Most stores will hold their sales in September, but some begin this month while others are not until October. Shoppers can find dates for their local stores at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

The Web site advises shoppers to check with local stores as the sale date draws closer to make sure there have been no changes due to unavailability of items or inclement weather. It also points out that popular items may sell out early.

## Soldier pleads guilty

VICENZA, Italy — A soldier formerly stationed in Greece pleaded guilty in a court-martial last week to downloading child pornography on his computer.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Patrick was sentenced to three years in prison — and forfeiture of all pay during that period — reduction in rank to E-1 and a dishonorable

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## IN THE STATES

## Roberts: Iraq, 9/11 report sparked intel plan

By KATHERINE PFLERGER  
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts says that a year ago, he probably wouldn't have proposed the sweeping intelligence overhaul he brought forward this week.

But given the series of inquiries into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the prewar intelligence on Iraq, and eight years presiding over "Oh-my-God hearings," the Kansas Republican said he saw the need to act.

On Monday, he put forward details of a plan to break up the CIA and reorganize the Pentagon's spy agencies under a single national intelligence director, among a litany of other changes outlined in a 139-page draft bill.

Roberts calls it "a marker" in the debate and said he expects changes. But with the legislation, he has solidified his position as a leading critic of the intelligence community by proposing the most far-reaching intelligence overhaul debated since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Roberts' proposal met immediate and broad resistance Monday.

The Intelligence Committee's

## A look at Roberts' plan for intelligence gathering

The Associated Press

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is proposing legislation to overhaul the intelligence community, recreating it as a National Intelligence Agency. Among changes he proposes:

■ Create a national intelligence director, as recommended by the Sept. 11 commission, who would have authority over intelligence. The director would oversee over four assistant directors for intelligence collection; analysis and production; research, development and acquisition; and military support.

■ Break up the CIA into three parts: a National clandestine Service to direct traditional spy operations; an Office of National Assessments to be responsible for intelligence analysis; and an Office of Technical Support to handle research and development projects.

■ Put three Defense Department agencies under the control of the assistant director for intel-

ligence collection: the National Security Agency, the super-secret code-breakers and code-protectors, the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates spy satellites; and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which analyzes the aerial imagery.

■ Make the Defense Intelligence Agency's human intelligence elements an independent agency under the control of the assistant director for collection.

■ Give the assistant director for collection control over the FBI's counterintelligence and counterterrorism divisions. Those units would continue to be subject to Attorney General guidelines and operate within the FBI for administration and support purposes.

■ Create a director of military intelligence — a four-star officer to run the Defense Department's tactical intelligence elements and oversee armed forces conducting intelligence-related work. This commander would report directly to the defense secretary.

top Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, said it would be a "severe mistake" to disband the CIA while it is embroiled in the war on terror.

Former CIA Director George Tenet, making his first public statement since he resigned last month, said Roberts' plan showed a "dangerous misunderstanding of the business of intelligence."

President Bush did not endorse Roberts' proposal Monday.

Instead, the president said only that he was interested in finding "the best way to fashion intelligence so the president and his Cabinet secretaries have got the ability to make good judgment calls."

Bush has supported the need for a national director to oversee

all intelligence-gathering, but has yet to detail the powers he wants the office to have.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he hadn't had a chance to see the restructuring proposal in writing.

"We do need to make significant adjustments in how we collect, communicate and disperse information," Rumsfeld told an

audience of about 1,300 troops at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, on Monday.

But he added: "We have to be careful about it ... You don't want, in the middle of the war, to go tearing up the pea patch."

Roberts surprised Republicans and Democrats alike when he announced on a Sunday morning talk show his proposal to remake the intelligence community by splitting the CIA into three separate agencies, pulling all or part of four defense intelligence agencies out of the Pentagon, and creating a new national intelligence director to oversee the National Intelligence Service he envisions.

On Monday, a defensive Roberts said, "If this proposal seems radical to some ... my response would be: What should we do?"

More than three dozen attempts to reorganize the intelligence community over more than five decades have failed, he said, adding that he spoke last week with colleagues of both parties, and eight of his panel's nine Republicans have agreed that Congress must act.

Democrats, meanwhile, criticized Roberts for not working in a more bipartisan fashion, and demanded more details.

## Bridge-filming arrest

BALTIMORE — A man described by federal authorities as an assistant to a top Hamas operative was arrested by Maryland police after he was seen videotaping the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, authorities said Tuesday.

Ismael Selim Elbarasse of Annandale, Va., suspected by federal authorities of having financial ties to the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, was arrested Friday after two off-duty Baltimore County police officers saw him taping the bridge from a sport utility vehicle, said Marcia Murphy, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Baltimore.

## Contempt order dropped

WASHINGTON — Contempt of court orders against Time magazine and one of its reporters were dismissed after the journalist agreed to give a statement to prosecutors probing the Bush administration leak of a covert CIA officer's identity.

In a statement Tuesday, Time said reporter Matthew Cooper agreed to give a deposition after Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, personally released Cooper from a promise of confidentiality to a conversation the two had last year.

## Storms hit Midwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Thunderstorms raked parts of the Midwest early Tuesday, a day after flash flooding swamped basements, stranded motorists and left some cars floating in water.

The National Weather Service reported several Kansas roadways under 6 inches of water on Monday, when several motorists had to be rescued from their cars.

Thunderstorms in North Dakota downed trees, flooded streets and knocked out power to several thousand people Monday. Golf ball-sized hail was reported in Bismarck, and winds of 70 mph were reported in Riverdale when the storm hit Monday night.

From wire reports

## Hope dims for finding missing boy in Utah



Maggie Ward, left, with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, looks at a map with volunteer Eric Quilter at a command post near Mirror Lake on Monday during the search for 12-year-old Garrett Barsley, a Boy Scout missing since Friday in the Cubertan Lake area of the Uinta Mountains near Kamas, Utah. Chilly, wet weather has dimmed hopes that rescuers will find him alive, officials said.

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## Study: High blood pressure plagues Americans

By JAMIE STENGLE

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Nearly a third of American adults have high blood pressure, putting them at greater risk of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure and other problems, according to a new government analysis.

The obesity epidemic and an aging population are to blame, experts say. Just over a decade ago, closer to one in four Americans had high blood pressure, and two decades ago the rate actually was declining.

About 65 million American adults now have high blood pressure — 30 percent

more than the 50 million who did in the previous decade, according to a report published Monday in Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association.

"The big message to the American public on that is that we need to pay attention to our lifestyle and use that as our leverage need to get slimmer," said Dr. Daniel Jones, dean of the School of Medicine for the University of Mississippi Medical Center and an expert on high blood pressure.

The study didn't examine reasons for the blood pressure spike, but experts said the fact the population is getting older and fatter probably plays a major role.

"It's not surprising because we've seen that Americans are getting fatter, and we know that blood pressure goes up when people gain weight," said Dr. David Goff, an epidemiology expert at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina, who was not involved in the analysis, which involved Census Bureau and other health statistics.

The risk of hypertension, or high blood pressure, is increased by old age, excess weight and lack of physical activity. A standard blood pressure reading is given as systolic pressure over diastolic pressure. Systolic, the larger of the two numbers, should ideally be below 120, while the diastolic number should be under 80.

At Cooper Union in New York on Tuesday, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts said the Bush campaign has "no plans, no positive vision and no understanding of an urgent and undeniable truth: A strong America begins at home."

AP

## Kerry: 'Fear and smear' is GOP's whole platform

BY MARY DALRYMPLE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry accused President Bush's campaign and political allies on Tuesday of conducting a campaign of "fear and smear" to avoid talking about jobs, health care and the war in Iraq.

"You can't lead America by misleading the American people," said Kerry, who has been struggling in recent days against charges — denounced by Democrats as smear tactics — that he lied about his actions in Vietnam that brought five military medals.

"They have no plans, no positive vision and no understanding of an urgent and undeniable truth: A strong America begins at home," Kerry said.

The Massachusetts senator's speech appeared part of an effort to refocus the campaign onto domestic and foreign policy issues, many of which trend his way in the polls. By his own words, it was also an attempt to pre-empt next week's Republican National Convention in New York.

Despite what GOP speakers may claim, he said, "every step of the way, George W. Bush has put the narrow interests of the few ahead of the interests of most Americans." He said the administration has favored tax cuts for the rich, given special access to polluters, rewarded companies that send jobs overseas and sided with big oil.

Next week, he predicted, "they'll bend over backward with last-minute proposals and last-minute promises for all they haven't done and pretend they're not who they are."

Kerry delivered his speech at New York's Cooper Union, the site of President Lincoln's 1860 speech against slavery that helped thrust him into national prominence.

Kerry said his plan would preserve middle-class tax cuts, reduce the cost of health care, education and energy, and increase the federal minimum wage.

Steve Schmidt, spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign, said the Kerry record displays support for tax hikes, not tax cuts.

"John Kerry says the blueprint for his economic agenda was his vote for the biggest tax increase in American history he supported in 1993," Schmidt said.

The 1993 vote was in favor of President Clinton's plan to cut the deficit by \$469 billion over five years, including some tax increases. It passed by one vote without any GOP support.

While he seemed eager to talk about domestic and foreign policy issues, Kerry got in a few shots at the controversy over his service in Vietnam.

"My duty... is to be a president and commander in chief who finds the truth and tells the truth instead of misleading the American people, hiding behind front groups, saying anything and doing anything to avoid the real issues that matter, like jobs, health care and the war in Iraq."

The Kerry campaign says Bush used a newly formed veterans' group not subject to campaign spending limits to attack his character.

Schmidt said Kerry has stood by while similar independent groups aligned with Democrats have spent millions on ads against the president.

dependent candidates.

Dogged by an unprecedented public relations and legal campaign against him by the Democratic Party and like-minded groups — who fear his candidacy will swing the election to President Bush — the longtime consumer advocate has failed to win certification for the ballot in California, Indiana, Oklahoma, Georgia, Arizona, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, South Carolina and Texas, and faces other challenges to his petitions in numerous states; 17



Nader

more state filing deadlines occur in the coming weeks.

Despite efforts to thwart Nader, his campaign said he likely will succeed in several closely contested states, including Florida, where he received 97,000 votes in 2000, while Bush beat Democrat Al Gore by a few hundred votes.

"We believe we will be on the ballot in the vast majority of states," said Nader spokesman Kevin Zeese. "But it takes away from media attention we might get otherwise and voters don't get to hear about the issues, only the ballot-access fights."

In his last run in 2000, Nader was nominated by the Green Party and received 2.7 percent of the vote. This year, at the urging of the Democrats and many former

## Big guns to help Bush with push

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — Voters in eight battleground states will be getting a rolling preview of the Republican National Convention in New York City when some of its most prominent speakers join President Bush for a pre-convention campaign swing.

These include high-profile, independent-minded politicians who could expand his base of support: Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who led the city's recovery after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; Sen. Zell Miller, a Georgia Democrat who backs Bush; Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has opposed gay marriage in his state; and Arizona Sen. John McCain, a staunch supporter of the president's policies in Iraq.

Bush will visit New Mexico, Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Michigan, Tennessee and Iowa before arriving in New York to accept the party's nomination on Sept. 2.

Bush begins his pre-convention tour with three stops in New Mexico on Thursday. Giuliani, who addresses the convention Monday, will be at rallies in Las Cruces, Farmington and Albuquerque.

On Friday, Bush travels to Flori-



Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani will campaign with President Bush this week, then address the Republican National Convention on Monday.

da to rally voters in Miami in hopes of expanding the razor-thin victory he had there in 2000. The president will be joined by Miller, keynote convention speaker.

On the convention's third day, Bush will rally supporters in Columbus, Ohio, before traveling to New York. Bush will address the convention the next night.

### Anti-Kerry book

NEW YORK — Barnes & Noble Inc. said Monday it has been pinched by strong demand for a new book that questions the Vietnam-era actions of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

The nation's largest book store chain also said Republican and Democratic critics have lodged thousands of complaints accusing it of both favoring and suppressing "Unfit for Command."

CEO Steve Riggio said Barnes & Noble has no political agenda. "Unfit for Command," by John O'Neill and Jerome Corsi, accuses Kerry of lying about his decorated wartime record and betraying comrades by returning from Vietnam and alleging widespread atrocities by U.S. troops.

### Daughters' casting call

WASHINGTON — President Bush's twin daughters are urging young people to vote, saying that schoolwork, parties and extracurricular activities often keep students away from campaigns and voting booths.

Bush's re-election campaign sent out an e-mail Tuesday with a message from Jenna and Barbara Bush, 22, saying that less than half of 18- to 24-year-olds were registered to vote in the last election.

"We are asking you to get involved with this campaign not only because it is the most critical election of our lifetime, but also because we have the ability to positively change our future," they said.

From The Associated Press

## Nader campaign struggles to get his name on ballot

BY JONATHAN FINER  
AND BRIAN FALER  
The Washington Post

Ten weeks before the 2004 presidential election, Ralph Nader's campaign is mired in a painstaking struggle to get his name on the ballot in a host of states he contested four years ago.

Michigan election officials deadlocked over whether to accept his petition to be on the ballot as an independent candidate, which Democrats argued was riddled with fraud, sending the issue to an appeals court.

Earlier in the day, a federal court in Illinois denied Nader's challenge to state election laws, which he said are too hostile to in-

Nader backers, the party, which claims more than 20 automatic slots on state ballots, denied Nader its endorsement.

In several states, the ballot disputes have turned nasty, with Democrats lining up teams of lawyers to scrutinize petitions and allege rampant fraud, and Nader accusing the party of using dirty tricks to keep him off the ballot.

Nader has yet to run a television ad, but at least two Democratic-leaning anti-Nader groups have waged media efforts against him. While Republicans do not deny offering logistical support to Nader's petition efforts in several states, direct financial contributions from those who have also donated to Bush so far amounts to only \$54,300, or 4 percent of the \$1.5 million he has raised.

## IN THE WORLD

## Straw calls on Sudan to protect refugees

BY ED JOHNSON

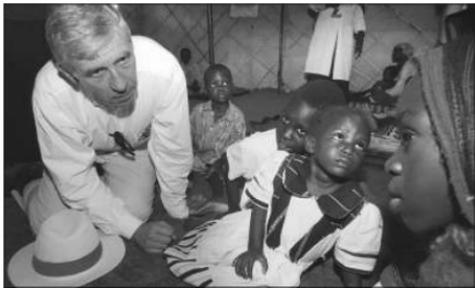
The Associated Press

AL-FASHER, Sudan — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, meeting people in the desert and scrawled of troubled Darfur, said Tuesday the Sudanese government must do more to make it safe for them to go home.

Straw's tour of the conflict-ravaged region came as the U.N. deadline neared for Khartoum to disarm Arab militiamen, accused of terrorizing African farmers, or face economic and diplomatic sanctions. Elsewhere, Nigerian mediators struggled to get the Sudanese government and rebels to reach an agreement that could allow for more progress toward calm before the deadline.

More than 30,000 people have been killed and 1.4 million forced to flee their homes in what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Some have gone further, calling it genocide, a designation many believe would force the international community to take strong action.

Straw, whose country has veto power on the Security Council, said officials should be in a position by the end of the week to decide whether Khartoum had made sufficient progress in easing the crisis to avoid sanctions.



Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, left, meets refugees Tuesday at the Abu Shouk camp in the northern Darfur region of Sudan. Straw said it was clear from the stories he heard from some of the thousands at the camp that many would not return to their villages because of fears of attacks by the Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

"It is for Kofi Annan to judge the extent to which they have complied," he said before leaving Darfur for talks in the capital with Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir.

Women in brightly colored robes had crowded around Straw at a watering point in the Abu Shouk camp, home to more than 40,000 people and near Al-Fasher, the pro-

vincial capital of northern Darfur. Some carried babies in slings on their backs, others let out high-pitched trills in a traditional welcoming cry to the British delegation.

Straw said it was clear from their stories that many would not return to their villages because of fears of attacks by the Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

He said there had been progress since the Security Council set the Aug. 30 deadline, noting that humanitarian aid groups had been granted access to the western region and that security in the camps had improved.

But "people are still very anxious, apprehensive and nervous about whether they will be safe to go back to the villages from which they have come," Straw said. "There is still a lack of confidence that it is safe for them to return home, and that has got to be pinned down."

Straw said the Sudanese government and two rebel factions which took up arms in February 2003 demanding greater political representation must thrust out a settlement at peace talks held in Abuja, Nigeria, to end the crisis.

Straw did not respond directly when asked whether he saw evidence of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

"The crucial challenge now is not the description, but what we do about the problem and how we try to turn it around," Straw said.

Ex-roommate testifies  
9/11 suspect not violent

BY CLAUD-PETER TIEMANN

The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — A former roommate of a Moroccan charged with helping the Sept. 11 hijackers testified Tuesday that Moumir el Motassadeq disliked the United States but "was not a violent individual" despite his friendship with the group around lead suicide pilot Mohamed Atta.

Necidi Aydin, a 32-year-old Turk, shared accommodations with el Motassadeq from late 1996 until July 1999 while the two were students in Hamburg.

Motassadeq had a negative attitude toward the United States, Aydin recalled during testimony to the state court in Hamburg. But conversations over dinner with Atta and other suspected members of the Hamburg

al-Qaida cell focused on general topics such as their homelands, Islam, and their studies, he added.

"Motassadeq had nothing to hide," Aydin said. "Actually he was very quiet."

Aydin portrayed el Motassadeq as a sensitive man, recalling arguments over the noise made by the Moroccan's friends that ended with him in tears.

"He was not a violent individual," Aydin said.

El Motassadeq is being retried after his conviction for helping Sept. 11, 2001, pilots Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrar was overturned in March on appeal. A federal court ruled he was unfairly denied evidence from U.S.-held al-Qaida suspects—including Ramzi Binalshibh, the suspected contact between the Hamburg cell and al-Qaida.



U.S. soldiers of Pennsylvania's 28th Infantry Division march along the Champs-Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe in the background, on Aug. 29, 1944, four days after the liberation of Paris, France.

Lessons of liberation  
Frenchmen recall bitter war against Germany

BY MORT ROSENBLUM

The Associated Press

PARIS — The Champs-Elysees, free at last, was awash with wild joy on Aug. 25, 1944. But deep in the heart of France the war raged on, with Frenchmen killing Frenchmen to aid a desperate Germany.

And now, 60 years on, people who suffered most are among the staunchest supporters of a new Europe in which France and Germany are, essentially, just two members of a 25-nation super-state.

"This is the great triumph of the 21st century," said Jean-Marie Delabre, 81. "Peace is accepting the idea that you must live with others and forge natural differences into something stronger."

He added: "I don't think I'd

have said that a few years after the war." While Paris celebrated, his Resistance unit fought on near Dijon. Captured, he was in German prison camps until armistice in May 1945.

With time, Delabre decided that since wars are much easier to start than to finish, the only answer is to avoid them.

"A united Europe is a lesson for the rest of the world," he concluded.

A war that left millions dead had not only pitted France against its ancient neighbor and foe, but it also forced deep divisions among the French themselves. Some resisted, but many collaborated.

People who remember Aug. 25, 1944, are celebrating it with a bitersweet mix of emotions. For many, the horror and humiliation of occupation did not sink in until years, if not decades, later.

## Flights canceled

LONDON — Thousands of British Airways passengers have been stranded by canceled flights and lengthy delays at Heathrow Airport because of staff shortages and technical problems at the airline.

British Airways canceled 21 flights to and from short-haul destinations in Britain and Europe on Tuesday — a day after the airline scrapped 25 flights to the United States and other European destinations.

It urged all passengers to consult its Web site before traveling to Heathrow.

The airline estimated around 5,000 passengers have been affected so far and at least another 2,500 would be affected Tuesday.

The airline, which is recruiting more staff, said it was around 120 staff short at Heathrow.

## End of a pear tree

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — It stood for 350 years, bearing fruit for a dozen generations, but strong winds finally brought down what is believed to be the oldest pear tree in Scandinavia.

Since the mid-1600s, the massive pear tree had helped feed the people outside Enköpings, an hour's drive west of Stockholm.

On Saturday night, as Alf and Eivor Svantesson were going to bed, the tree fell outside their house in an ear-splitting crack.

Strong winds had been blowing in the area in the past few days, Eivor Svantesson said. The trunk had rotted from the inside, she said.

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## Anthem should stay

When I read "Playing games with anthems" (Aug. 13), I was appalled to think that someone would suggest that the national anthem should not be played at sporting events. I, for one, am very proud and honored when the national anthem is played. It reminds me of the sacrifices made by those who served before me. Those sacrifices make it possible for us to enjoy our freedoms and to attend those events.

I wish more people in our great country would realize that. Nothing annoys me more than seeing people who don't remove their hats or who run their mouths about nothing important during the playing of the anthem.

I would also like to address the writer's so-called definitions of public and private events. Saying that sporting events are "private" functions is ridiculous. Granted, you have to attend a ballgame or the Super Bowl, but this does not mean it is "private." A wedding ceremony is a private affair, because generally, it requires that you have an invitation. Places such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion posts are considered private establishments because a membership is required to enter their facilities. I guess if you have to pay to attend a ballgame or McDonald's is a "private" restaurant because you have to pay for your meal.

It would be a travesty if we removed the national anthem from the beginning of sporting events. Never in my life would I have dreamed that an American could even suggest such a thing. I guess I was wrong.

Stg. Christopher Miller

Baghdad

## Pennies add up

I recently visited an Army and Air Force Exchange Service post exchange at South Victory Base in Baghdad and was troubled by what seemingly is the usual practice of withholding change between 1 and 3 cents. I experienced the same practice at the PFA Camp Doha, Kuwait. In both purchases, I had change amounting to a whole number of dollars and about 2 cents. Instead of giving me the exact amount, I was given change less the 2 cents. I then demanded the exact change wherein the cashier had to open the cash register and take out 5 cents to cover the 2 cents.

These incidents made me think about how much money AAFES is taking out of the pockets of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines (and the occasional Coast Guardsman) by endorsing such practice. My conservative estimates, based on 30 transactions per cashier per hour with about eight cashiers working during the busy hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., would average about 2 cents and not considering credit card purchases, put the amount withheld at around \$43.20 just at the big PX at North Victory Altab. This amount could be \$1,206 a month and at \$15,552 per year. I do not know how many small PXs there are in theater but I believe this amount would balloon up in no time.

## Doonesbury



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This might be something worth looking at to ensure our military personnel are not ripped off more than they are paid.

Capt. Mel Magisno

Baghdad

## AAFES' pricing policy

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service always claims it is here for the troops, so I would like to know why is it that they charge \$5 an hour for Internet service and \$6 an hour when the camp is full? In my opinion, if AAFES is here to help us it wouldn't be charging for Internet service, especially when it is free at camps with bigger libraries.

This also leads me to the letter "Prices are hard to swallow" (Aug. 17) from a chief warrant officer in Iraq that mentioned the difference in prices from camp to camp. I totally agree: I can go to Camp Arifan and get something and return to Camp Spearhead and the price is different for the same item. Why is that?

Also, while I am venting, can I actually get the correct change back after a purchase instead of having some cashier take it upon himself to not give me the proper amount? I am told there are no pennies in this entire region, so the cashier doesn't give back pennies. Well, here is a crazy thought: Since AAFES loves to change prices on a whim, why not make them an amount that will not produce an uneven amount?

Petty Officer 2nd Class

Kevin Duby

Camp Spearhead, Kuwait

## Bush not to blame

In response to "Civilian leaders failed troops" (Aug. 15) how did the leaders fail? All individuals must be accountable for their own actions, not just the leaders. It doesn't matter who is in charge. Certain individuals make decisions and act out on their own. Some people get in a position where they have authority over another and they let it be their heads. It was dem-

onstrated by an experiment in the 1970s with make-believe guards and prisoners, and it was also admitted by Lyndee England, one of the main culprits in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal who said the accused were just trying to have fun and "messin' around."

Their actions were an embarrassment to all who serve. It was a black eye for those who are doing good in Iraq. People try to blame President Bush for what he cannot possibly have control over. No president can control every little thing that happens under their hands. It is impossible and ignorant to think otherwise.

As far as I see over here, this is a very pro-Bush military. There are very few who are against him. The military is generally very pro-Republican. As far as believing he lied to bring us into this war is nonsense, too. When intel from many countries said that weapons of mass destruction were being developed, you cannot ignore it. Saying otherwise is just another case of Bush bashing. It is easy to say what you think the feelings of the military are toward our president when you are not safely in another country. The feeling here is he is doing a good job.

The only correct thing said in the letter was that we need to be more sure we are a strong, rigorous ethical and moral code. But, no matter where you go, there will always be bad apples.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Cantu

Balad, Iraq

## Can't forgive Kerry

I'm a partially disabled Vietnam vet whose hatred of that war is exceeded only by my disgust for John Kerry and his false atrocity testimony.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that his concocted, politically greedy testimony made us the bad guys which, in turn, directly and indirectly comforted our communist enemy, an enemy who gained confidence therefrom.

This Kerry-inspired confidence handed over the time advantage. And, rather than honorably stepping to the peace table, the communists purposefully dragged their heels for many months. All the while our fighting continued (does anyone remember how many months were consumed in arguing about the peace table's shape — that's right, its shape!). Kerry's false testimony — in spite of what the naive would like to think — undoubtedly extended the war.

I was there during this needless, concurred extension and had a few close calls. I had a number of buddies get killed. Their needless deaths were, and still remain, my most gut-wrenching experience of that war. And, I ask, would they be alive today but for Kerry and his lies?

I can never forgive Kerry nor ever mitigate my hate for him — to do otherwise would desecrate the memory of all those great, former young comrades who rest quietly under neat, white tombstones — or alone in dark, horrific jungles, in lands far away. God bless their souls.

Gerald J. Stiles

Sequim, Wash.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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## OPINION

## U.S., allies must effect Sudan regime change

BY ERIC REEVES

**T**he horrors in Darfur mark this century's first great venture in genocide, but they are not the first such action perpetrated by the National Islamic Front regime ruling Sudan. That distinction goes to the jihad directed against the various African peoples of the Nuba Mountains beginning in 1992. Genocide began again in the vast oil concessions of southern Sudan in 1998, when the African peoples of the region became targets of a systematic policy of scorched-earth clearances. Many hundreds of thousands were killed or displaced.

Khartoum's genocide in Darfur is both familiar and different. It is, as seasoned Sudan analyst Alex de Waal has argued, "the routine cruelty of a security cabal, its humanity withered by years in power: it is genocidal by force of habit." Confronted with a surprising-

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ly robust military insurgency in Darfur — grow into out of decades of economic marginalization and a near-total breakdown in civilian security — the government in Khartoum instinctively responded by organizing and deploying the Janjaweed Arab militia, which has brutally and systematically destroyed the means of agricultural production throughout Darfur, focusing almost exclusively on African tribal groups. These people now confront "conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction." They face genocide.

No reasonable world order can tolerate a serially genocidal regime that rules only by virtue of ruthlessness survivalism. Yet this

is what the United Nations appears prepared to do. A July 30 U.N. Security Council resolution on Darfur was an exercise in temporizing. Veto-wielding China and Russia, as well as Pakistan and Algeria, resisted all meaningful action; both China and Pakistan abstained in the final vote, signaling that nothing further will be done when the Security Council takes up Darfur again on Sunday.

In the distorting shadow of the Iraq war, this is an exceedingly difficult moment to argue for "regime change" in Khartoum. But regime change alone can end genocide as the domestic security policy of choice in Sudan. And it is the only thing that can avert the deaths of hundreds of thousands in Darfur. The mismatch between humanitarian need and capacity grows more deadly each day. And Khartoum is strenuously resisting deployment of any peacekeeping force, even from the African Union.

The moral logic of regime change could not be clearer. The NIF came to power by military coup in 1989, deposing an elected government and aborting the most promising peace process since Sudan's independence in 1956. The only arguments against regime change are those of realpolitik (the regime is Sudan's de facto government) and practicability (how can Sudan's governance be taken into international receivership?).

But years in power cannot legitimize genocide. This will only encourage regimes like Khartoum's to believe they are invulnerable and act accordingly. Even from the realpolitik perspective, African



ance of rule by those who commit genocide is counterproductive to regional and world order; it also offers encouragement to other regimes tempted to use genocide as a political weapon.

To the second objection — how will it be done? — there are certainly no easy answers. But one consequence of the Iraq war (though of course not a justification in itself) is that public discussion of regime change by the United States will resonate much more deeply in Khartoum's despotic thinking. If it is coupled with serious efforts to work with our European allies to squeeze Khartoum by means of comprehensive economic sanctions, as well as sanctions targeted against NIF leaders, we may first be able to secure a permissive environment for humanitarian intervention in Darfur, saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

If regime change is not to be chaotic, it must be organized by a consortium of international actors, including regional governments; efforts must be made to reach out to all opposition parties throughout the country and in exile. A proportionately representative interim governing council must be created externally but be ready to move quickly to take control when the NIF is removed by whatever means are necessary. The great risk is an implosion of the military that sustains NIF power, but this risk is as great without any effort of regime change.

The challenges adumbrated here are daunting and politically risky. The consequences of failing to accept these challenges are continuation of genocidal rule and additional hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Eric Reeves is a professor at Smith College. This column first appeared in the Washington Post.

## What matters most, life savings or saving lives?

BY FRANK J. GAFFNEY JR.

**F**or the first time since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have a chance to do something that millions of us have yearned to do: help win the war on terror.

Millions of people who invest in public pension plans can act to deny upward of \$70 billion to nations that finance, train, arm and otherwise sponsor terrorist enemies of the United States. The Center for Security Policy's (www.DivestTerror.org) report titled "Terrorist Investment of the 50 States" (www.DivestTerror.org), identifies where much of this money goes and through which companies.

There can be little doubt about the effect of keeping such immense sums out of the hands of the Iranian, Libyan, Syrian, North Korean and Sudanese regimes. They would have less money to fund their terrorist allies, less money to buy or build weapons of mass destruction, less money to threaten U.S. interests and allies. It might even precipitate the sort of cash-flow crisis that ultimately destroyed the Soviet Union — catalyzing regime changes where they would do the most good without firing a shot.

How could American investors help bring about these sorts of desirable outcomes? The same way they helped cause an end two decades ago to apartheid in South Africa — divesting stock where it counted.

This time, there are roughly 400 companies that could be targeted for doing business with terrorist-sponsoring regimes. The new report shows that the leading American

public pension funds alone have invested about \$200 billion in such companies, representing on average 15 percent to 23 percent of their respective portfolios. The largest, the California Public Employee Retirement System, has about \$18 billion invested in 201 such companies.

In a recent letter to the heads of the top 100 American public pension funds and the state officials responsible for them, Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., called the business firms these firms are doing with state sponsors of terror "unconscionable."

The good news is that subscribers to

American public pension plans and other institutional and private investors have real leverage. They can demand that their money be invested only with companies that choose not to do business with hostile governments — through shareholder resolutions, for instance. Should even one of this country's large public pension funds divest in this fashion, an unmistakable signal would be sent to companies the world over: You can enjoy the benefits of being highly regarded in the American capital market or you can do business with those who sponsor our terrorist foes.

The bad news is that so far almost none of

the 87 public pension systems in the center's study appear to be even interested in acquiring data about which companies in their portfolios have business activities in these rogue states. Worst of all, those with fiduciary responsibility for these funds continue investing heavily in companies partnered with governments helping U.S. enemies.

This situation should be intolerable to all Americans. Correcting it clearly should be part of a comprehensive strategy for winning the war on terror. Investors must do their part.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## YOUR MONEY

## Satirical Onion parodies out

Weekly newspaper plans to expand distribution to new markets

BY LEON LAZAROFF  
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Sean Mills doesn't get upset when people look at his product and laugh. In fact, sometimes he can't keep a straight face himself.

After a particularly long July day working on the launch of a new Twin Cities edition of his wacky weekly, The Onion, president Mills glanced at the latest copy of the paper and broke into a snort. "The headline read, 'Devious Rabbit Tricks Bus Into Signing Gun Ban.'"

"You have these hard days and then you have those 'ah-ha' moments that remind you that you work at The Onion and the product you sell is like nothing else out there," said Mills, 31. "It's huge believers in satire, but kidding aside, that comes down marketing and advertising, just like any other business."

The move into Minneapolis-St. Paul marks The Onion's first new market since its editorial staff relocated from Madison, Wis., to Manhattan in mid-2001. Yet if Mills has his way, it won't be the last. "The headline read, 'The Onion started a Milwaukee edition in 1994 and did the same in Chicago four years later. The newspaper also is localized for Madison, Boulder, Colo., Denver, and New York City.'"

By early 2006, Mills would like to expand to San Francisco, Boston and Chicago. Further afield lie Atlanta, Washington and Ann Arbor, Mich.

Those lofty goals are likely to be the free tabloid's greatest challenge

in its 15-year history. Other publications with an eye for satire, such as National Lampoon, Spy and the Clinton-era spoof, Slick Times, were unable to sustain their initial popularity.

"The Onion began as this small, avant-garde publication, and all we do anything to lose that feel, say Melissa Pardy, an independent media consultant in New York. "They have to be very strategic."

Adds Samir Hussni, a University of Mississippi journalism professor and expert on magazines: "Once The Onion establishes itself as something of a chain, they are going to find that the local alternative weeklies in each of these cities are going to step up their competition for local advertising dollars."

The move into the Twin Cities had been put off for nearly two years. But a 30 percent jump in first-quarter advertising revenue over the same period in 2003 gave Mills and majority owner Michael Schafer confidence that an expansion could be financed.

This year, holding company Onion Inc. says The Onion newspaper, Web site, book publishing, The Onion Radio Network and merchandise sales will generate about \$7 million in revenue. Starting next year, company revenues will grow at a rate of 25 percent, said Schafer, chairman of the 51 million Schaefer Child Capital Management fund. Onion Inc. revenues should hit \$21 million by 2009.

"For years, they had done a great job using a little cash here and a little

cash there to keep it running. But that's not a long-term strategy," said Schafer, an Indiana native who first bought into Onion Inc. in 2000. "It just needed some discipline on the business side."

That meant working more directly with advertising agencies and paying closer attention to expenses.

A lot has changed since The Onion was first published in 1988 by two University of Wisconsin-Madison students on notebook-size paper with advertising that consisted of coupons for draft beer and pizza deliveries.

These days, the lampoon distributes 320,000 copies a week. Mills said each copy is read by at least three people, producing a total "passing" rate of roughly 1 million.

The Web site, he said, receives about 3.6 million unique visitors a month. A more meaningful count is in the old "aha" unique visitors are individual computer users who logged onto the site one or multiple times during a certain period.

That's why The Onion shows up in New York City, advertising and entertainment listings give it the feel of a local publication.

A reader picking up an edition in Chicago or Boulder will find about two-thirds of its advertising from local establishments: its assortment of nightclubs, restaurants, tattoo joints and laser hair removal shops.

If advertising revenue, both local and national, can continue to grow, Mills said The Onion can do more things and create more business opportunities.

"We're a little bit better staffed than a few years ago," Mills said. "Instead of people wearing 20 hats, now they wear 10."

## Learning alphabet of laptop language

Q. In looking for a new laptop, I have come across "802.11 is capabilities and no one seems to know what it means. Can you tell me? —Burt Brown

A. Cutting to the chase, it's a fine rule of thumb to assume that whatever flavor computer manufacturers offer for 802.11 wireless computer networking devices will be adequate for regular Internet use.

Here's some background: Wireless computer networking started with 802.11a, which had a small range because of issues that experts say was to do with the 5-gigahertz frequency used and with the way this standard slices and dices data as it moves across relatively short distances. Devices built to this standard can move data quite fast, up to 54 million bits per second but lack the range of 802.11b.

With 802.11b, wireless networking became almost a household word because it used the better-focused (so I am told) 2.4-gigahertz frequency and because it relies on a simpler method to move data that extends the range to 100 to 150 feet. The next wireless development, 802.11g, builds on the b flavor but moves data five times faster. This makes it possible to use 802.11g equipment as full-fledged computer networks rather than mere Internet receiving stations. The 802.11b standard peters out at 11 megabits per second, which still is far faster than a roughly 1.5-megabit data rate delivered from the Internet.

The big deal about 802.11s is that it is a "meshed" standard, and it all boils down to the idea that it tolerates what the scientists call hip-hopping of signals. Thus, it can stay connected to devices like cell phones and the new Bluetooth gear that moves data wirelessly only a couple of feet.

The good news is that most 802.11 standards are backward-compatible, so whatever you just works with the rest of the stuff even if it doesn't move information as fast.

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## Ask Jim



Jim Coates

## MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

52-week		INDEXES		Net Chg		% YTD		52-week	
High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	High	Low	High	Low
10,313.15	10,273.17	Dow Jones Industrial	10,678.17	+17.17	+0.16	10,313.15	10,273.17	+17.17	+0.16
3,212.42	2,685.59	Dow Jones Transportation	3,068.09	-22.78	-0.74	+21.83	+18.52	-22.78	-0.74
288.27	234.84	Dow Jones Energy	258.79	-1.88	-0.71	+7.08	+3.03	-1.88	-0.71
6,798.13	5,533.35	NYSE Composite	6,339.44	-29.24	-0.46	+8.85	+4.12	-29.24	-0.46
1,278.83	956.65	NYSE Midcap	1,213.85	-8.14	-0.66	+3.95	+6.15	-8.14	-0.66
1,176.92	913.51	NASDAQ Composite	1,138.48	-0.89	-0.08	+2.88	+2.02	-0.89	-0.08
1,163.23	983.57	S&P 500	1,099.78	-2.67	-0.24	+1.46	+10.32	-2.67	-0.24
418.46	497.30	S&P MidCap	465.88	-1.99	-0.43	+1.86	+2.66	-1.99	-0.43
696.42	471.92	Russell 2000	543.47	-4.65	-0.81	+2.41	+12.16	-4.65	-0.81
13,711.71	13,518.91	DAX	16,631.83	+18.83	+0.11	+13.82	+6.62	+18.83	+0.11

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Wynn	129.69	+1.45	MSFT	287.81	+0.21
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Name	FE	Stk	YTD
Alliant Technologies	45	58.63	+1.11
Airbus Industries	20	35.96	+0.46
Boeing	30	56.95	+0.51
General Dynamics	27	42.13	+0.11
Lockheed Martin	27	42.13	+0.11
Raytheon	28	32.51	+0.43
Harris Corp.	28	24.83	+0.13
Northrop Grumman	28	59.88	+0.44
3i Communications	49	59.88	+0.44
Boeing	30	56.95	+0.51
Northrop	28	51.35	+0.14
Raytheon	28	32.51	+0.43
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Name	Rate	Name	Rate
British pound	\$1.2449	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.85	British pound	\$1.7943
Japanese yen (Aug. 26)	107.00	Canada (Pound)	1.1164
S. Korean won (Aug. 21)	109.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.1194
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377	Denmark (Krone)	6.1194
British pound	\$1.7943	Euro	\$1.2099
Canada (Pound)	1.1164	Swiss Franc (Dollar)	0.7996
Denmark (Krone)	6.1194	Hungary (Forint)	205.72
Euro	\$1.2099	Israel (Shekel)	4.5290
Swiss Franc (Dollar)	0.7996	Iran (Rial)	1,045.00
Hungary (Forint)	205.72	Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
Israel (Shekel)	4.5290	Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.8463
Iran (Rial)	1,045.00	Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.8463
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946	Philippines (Peso)	0.557
Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.8463	Singapore (Dollar)	1.7113
Philippines (Peso)	0.557	S. Korea (Won)	115.560
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7113	Switzerland (Franc)	1.1450
S. Korea (Won)	115.560	Thailand (Baht)	46.230
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1450	Thailand (Baht)	46.230
Thailand (Baht)	46.230	U.S. Dollar	1.5153/130.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at major U.S. military facilities in the country of issuance of the currency.)

For non-U.S. currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), see the foreign exchange rates section of the Wall Street Journal.

Commercial rates are those available to customers at major U.S. financial institutions. All figures are foreign exchange rates in U.S. dollars. U.S. dollars are British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.

Cents and Sensibility  
Money tip of the day

## Shop around for airfare

CBS MarketWatch  
NEW YORK — When it comes to buying airline tickets, it often pays to shop around.

Where you'll get the best value depends on what you're looking for, according to Richard A. Papp, president and chief executive of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Most Internet travel sites are commodity-based, so finding a cheap flight usually is a snap and easy.

But if you're looking for a hassle-free itinerary, a travel agent can provide support and alternatives if weather or any other unplanned events alter your trip.

If your trip is as simple as hopping one flight from point A to point B, you can probably make those arrangements yourself.

"You don't need a rocket scientist for that," Copland said.

But when you can't get a non-stop flight, he added, a travel agent can help coordinate connecting flights — find the shortest layover, the shortest total flight time or the cheapest fare.

Check the prices you find on the weekly morning travel sites against the prices at the airline's own Web site. The airline may not have the lowest price, but it may offer additional benefits, such as free miles or an upgraded seat if you book directly through the carrier.

The Wall Street Journal reports that you should also compare prices for different fare classes. Many carriers offer last-minute deals on first-class seats.

One caveat to booking online: Travel scams abound. If a fare sounds too good to be true, or the Web site seems less than professional, double-check the price with the airline.

## PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Name	Price
Gold	\$405.38
Silver	\$6.95

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate		Discount rate	
Name	Rate	Name	Rate
Prime rate	4.50	Discount rate	2.50
1-month bill	4.50	3-month bill	4.50
3-month bill	4.50	6-month bill	4.50
6-month bill	4.50	1-year bill	4.50
1-year bill	4.50	2-year bill	4.50
2-year bill	4.50	3-year bill	4.50
3-year bill	4.50	4-year bill	4.50
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5-year bill	4.50	10-year bill	4.50
10-year bill	4.50	30-year bill	4.50

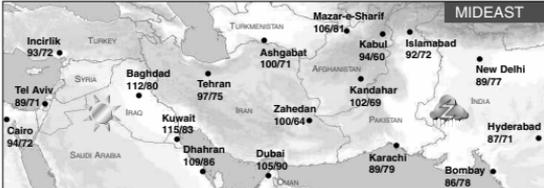


European forecast for 25 August 2004



**AFRICA**

Capetown	63	47	Mogadishu	84	72
Blantyre	89	79	Nairobi	77	52
Freeport	81	73	Rabat	86	76
Kinshasa	85	68	Tripoli	99	81



**EUROPEAN FORECAST**

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s, Thursdays in the mid 60s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s to low 70s, Thursdays in the low to mid 60s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers Thursday morning. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, Thursdays lows in the upper 50s to low 60s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 80s, Thursdays lows in the low 50s to mid 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to low 70s, Thursdays lows in the low to mid 50s.

**Hungary:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, Thursdays lows in the mid 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s, Thursdays lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 80s, Thursdays lows in the mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s, Thursdays lows in the low 50s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s, Thursdays lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to low 100s, Thursdays lows in the upper 50s to upper 60s.

**Turkey:** Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s to low 90s, Thursdays lows in the upper 60s to low 70s.

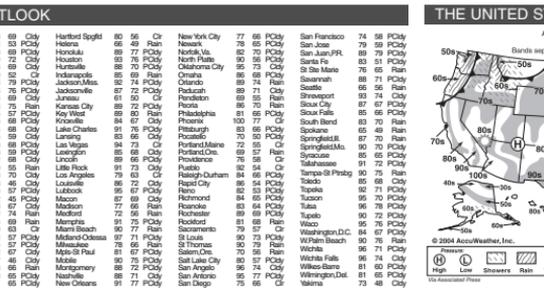
**THE WORLD**

Amsterdam	69	57	Manila	86	77
Bahrain	89	84	Mexico City	74	52
Beijing	82	65	Montreal	63	47
Bombay	85	75	Riyadh	110	82
Buenos Aires	86	77	Rio de Jan	74	69
Hanoi	82	78	Sofia	89	65
Hong Kong	85	80	Sydney	72	52
London	68	56	Tokyo	86	74

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**TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK**

Alaska, Tex.	55	74	City	83	69
Alaska, Ohio	63	66	City	89	69
Alaska, N.C.	60	61	City	89	72
Alaska, Nev.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Pa.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, S.C.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Va.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, W. Va.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, D.C.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Ind.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Ill.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Mo.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Ky.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Tenn.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Miss.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Ala.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Ga.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Fla.	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Puerto Rico	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Virgin Islands	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Guam	61	60	City	89	69
Alaska, Hawaii	61	60	City	89	69



**SUN & MOON**

Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:33 AM	Today	6:33 AM	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	6:33 AM	6:33 AM	6:33 AM	6:33 AM
Sunrise (Baghdad)	7:27 PM	7:27 PM	7:26 PM	7:26 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	8:24 PM	8:24 PM	8:24 PM	8:22 PM

Full moon Aug 30, Last of Aug 30, New moon Sept 1, First of Sept 1

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## Saving the panthers

**FL** FORT MYERS — A federal judge revoked a permit to develop a limestone mine amid 6,000 acres of habitat that could be used by the endangered Florida panther.

The National Wildlife Federation, which sued to stop the development, alleged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act by issuing permits for the mine.

Panthers have been recorded at or near Florida Rock Industries' project site, near Fort Myers' Southwest International Airport. Fewer than 100 panthers remain in Florida.

## Lottery trial scratched

**MA** BOSTON — A former convenience store clerk will keep collecting winnings from a \$4 million lottery ticket after a Massachusetts judge declared a mistrial in a dispute over ownership of the ticket.

After nearly four days of deliberations, the Barnstable Superior Court jury deadlocked over whether the winning ticket properly belonged to Julie Prive, or to a Fallmouth retiree who sued to claim the prize.

Prive has been collecting winnings on the ticket — \$200,000 a year — for 20 years before taxes — since 2002. Lottery officials say they will keep paying unless a court rules otherwise.

Prive had regularly collected discarded scratch tickets and entered them in the lottery's second-chance game designed to prevent litter. While double-checking the used tickets, she said she found a winner worth \$4 million.

But Raymond MacDonald and Monica Hertz claim the winning ticket — No. 93 in the book of 510 tickets — was among the 45 tickets they bought May 17, 2002.

## Checking on artifacts

**HI** HONOLULU — The Hawaiian Homes Commission has been asked to open a Big Island cave complex to determine if reburied ancient Hawaiian artifacts are still there.

Commission chairman Micah Kane said that a policy barring access to the Kawaihae caves will remain in force while a federal probe continues into whether some other reburied artifacts ended up being offered for sale.

The requested access came from Laakea Suganuma, who represents claimants who have complained the Kawaihae artifacts were reinterred four years ago without their claims being fully heard.

Suganuma asked for artifacts buried in recent reports that artifacts buried in nearby Kanapa Cave turned up for sale at an antiques shop. The U.S. Interior Department is investigating.

## Murder-suicide notes left

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — A medical school student who jumped to his death after apparently killing his neurosurgeon wife left a note citing problems in his marriage, a newspaper reports.

Police had earlier said that Robert Howard left a rambling note that apologized for his perceived



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failures but contained no clue about what drove him to murder and suicide.

The existence of a second note was reported in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper.

The notes were found together on a desk at the home shared by Howard, 28, a former All-American triple-jumper as a University of Arkansas track athlete, and his wife, Dr. Robin L. Mitchell, 31, chief neurosurgical resident at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

## Robbery suspect caught

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma City man has been arrested in connection with 15 bank robberies in six Oklahoma cities.

Gerard Bennett, 31, was arrested by FBI agents outside an Oklahoma City hotel after a short foot chase.

Bennett was arraigned on 15 counts of bank robbery and six counts of using a minor in a crime of violence. U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Bacharach ordered that Bennett be detained.

According to a federal grand jury indictment, Bennett intentionally used one or two people younger than 18 in six of the Oklahoma robberies.

## Tribal sovereignty upheld

**ID** BOISE — A federal appellate court in Idaho upheld the ban preventing the state from taxing motor fuel sold on Indian



## Ugly duck

One of the many odd ducks that roam Baumert Lake at Eastside Park in Washington, Ind., looks for food. Residents believe years of inbreeding has produced these strange ducks.

reservations.

In a 2 to 1 ruling, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes that such taxation violated tribal sovereignty and could create a barrier to interstate commerce.

Clay Smith, the attorney who argued the case for the state, said it was too soon to know if the state would seek an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. That decision would be made by the tax commission after consulting with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, he said.

Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Anthony Johnson said he was happy with the ruling.

"We're pleased that the court has upheld the tribes' sovereignty, and has disallowed the state's intrusion on the tribes' basic governmental powers," Johnson said.

## Wheely bad ride

**NY** PHOENICIA — A Ferris wheel at an Ulster County fire department fund-raiser spun out of control after a cable snapped, coming to a halt only after nearly two dozen firefighters at the fair grabbed the wheel and brought it under control, police said.

None of the seven passengers was hurt, but several children were temporarily stranded in suspended cars and the ride's operator suffered a minor arm injury, said Officer Thomas O'Connell of the Town of Shandaken police.

The incident began at Parish Field in Phoenicia, where a fund-raiser for the Phoenicia Fire Department was being held, police said.

After the cable snapped, the ride's operator tried to use the hand brake to stop the wheel from spinning. But the wheel continued to speed up, police said.

"It was really scary — it looked like a roulette wheel when you spin it. I'm surprised nobody got thrown off," O'Connell said.

Twenty firefighters swarmed the ride, stopping it and freeing two adult riders from the bottom car. Five children were stranded in upper cars until firefighters used a ladder truck to free them.

## Less means more

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — The National Marine Fisheries Service released a much-anticipated draft of a study on how to save the struggling shrimp industry in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeast Atlantic.

The agency said cutting down on the number of shrimp boats is a top priority. Possibilities mentioned in the report included a moratorium on new licenses and a government buyback of licenses and boats.

"We're producing about all we're going to produce as a system and I think the industry has to look at how to distribute that catch," said William Hogarth, assistant administrator of the Fisheries Service. "If it's going to be an open-access fishery then it will be difficult to keep up the profitability."

The industry, hit hard by imports which now make up 87 percent of the market, is waging a trade battle with six of the largest shrimp-producing countries. Last month, the U.S. Commerce Department ruled in favor of imposing tariffs on shrimp from those countries.



## Out for a roll

Old Dan, a blue rat owned by 9-year-old Oscar McNamara, rolls through the grass at Haystack Park as he prepares for the start of the Pet Parade in Olympia, Wash.



## Scorched earth

A Confederate army officer re-enactor ignites some bales of hay during a Civil War Reenactment/Encampment in Clintonville, Wis.



## Troubled waterway

Two canoeists paddle through a section of the breached Embrey Dam near Fredericksburg, Va. A year ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declared the three-quarter-mile stretch of the Rappahannock River from the dam to the Interstate 95 bridge off-limits to public use.



## Sinking feeling

Jason Itam, 16, left, and Steven Dause, 16, begin to sink when their cardboard boat, the Minnow, collapses as it absorbs too much water during the inaugural Cardboard Boat Race at Aquia Landing Beach Park, along the Potomac River near Stafford, Va.



## In the thick of it

at Kernel Days in Wells, Minn.

Mike Larson gets bogged down in some slimy stuff during the Mud Run



## Water everywhere

Children dance and cool off from the summer heat under the spray from a broken fire hydrant in Pomona, Calif.



## Mating season

Manatees gather on the shoreline of Siesta Beach in Sarasota, Fla. The manatees were in a mating frenzy and came closer and closer to the shore as they tired.

## \$2M cleanup project

**UT** ALTA — Texas oilman Dick Bass invested nearly every dollar he ever earned and borrowed millions more to develop his Snowbird ski resort, and he wasn't eager to touch the mining waste he inherited on resort lands.

It could make him liable under federal law for an expensive reclamation.

"I owe so much money my tail is puckered to my tonsils every waking moment," Bass, 74, of Dallas said Wednesday.

But now Snowbird resort is joining an unusual partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the conservation group Trout Unlimited and Tiffany & Co. to finish cleaning up the acidic pollution leaching heavy metals into American Fork river.

The \$2 million project, taking place on a patchwork of federal and private lands, couldn't be done on federal dollars alone, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said.

Bosworth said the Utah partnership could serve as a template for cleanup projects around the West, where mining waste has polluted the headwaters of 40 percent of all watersheds.

## Tracking kids K-12

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Public school students in Rhode Island will have their academic progress tracked by a new identification system.

The 10-digit number, called a universal student identifier, will allow districts to follow the performance of all students from elementary school through high school. The Providence Journal reported.

The identifier number is randomly generated by a computer and is confidential, state education officials say. The state assigns a number to each child and then that ID number is sent back to the district, which merges it with the child's records.

Although the Federal No Child Left Behind Law doesn't require that states adopt a universal ID system, it does require that states gather test-score data based on ethnicity, income, gender and disability. Without some kind of identification system, states could not assemble and sort all of this information.

At least 33 states have adopted some form of identifier, and, like Rhode Island, most have chosen a system in which the number is assigned by the state education department.

## Training in Indian issues

**MI** EAST LANSING — A Native American law program to be launched this fall at Michigan State University College of Law will train future lawyers in Indian issues ranging from gaming to taxes.

The program will provide law students with a more specialized background and let them work with tribal governments on policy-making decisions, research and infrastructure plans.

"Many people, including the public and law students and even practicing attorneys, are simply unfamiliar with tribal governments at all except for an occasional casino reference," said assistant professor Donald Lavender, director of the program.

The program's four classes include one in which law students

will work with tribal governments on everything from developing tax codes to zoning regulations.

Only 20 law schools nationwide have formal Indian law programs. Fewer than 1 percent of lawyers in the United States are Native Americans.

## Black bear ruling

**NH** CONCORD — In what the Fish and Game Department says may be a precedent-setting case, a Shelburne man has been convicted of shooting a black bear raiding a bird feeder in his back yard.

Fish and Game Lieutenant Doug Graleski said that Jocelyn Laboville had complained twice to conservation officers that a black bear was raiding his bird feeders and he was concerned for his grandchildren's safety.

Graleski said Laboville was told to stop feeding birds and the bear problem would go away but he shot and killed the bear while it fed at his bird feeder on June 14.

Laboville was convicted in Gorham District Court of taking wildlife during a closed season. He was fined \$240 and will lose his hunting license for one year.

Several states, including Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania, have laws prohibiting direct and indirect feeding of black bears.

## Auto collision kills 2

**NC** LILLINGTON — Two people believed to be a mother and her child, died in a collision with a car carrying two baby suspects who were being chased by police.

According to authorities, the men, who may have been trying to rob a bank were speeding in their car when it struck the woman's Jaguar as she tried to enter N.C. 210 from the parking lot of a shopping center.

The five suspects, who were in a Lincoln Town Car, and the driver of another vehicle involved were hurt and taken to a hospital, Harrell County Sheriff Larry Rollins said.

A worker at the First National Bank in Erwin called police after she noticed men who were trying to hide their faces. She locked the door and the men left the bank.

## Emergency rooms close

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Financial problems caused mainly by the treatment of uninsured patients have forced two emergency rooms to close in Los Angeles County, raising concerns that other facilities may be overwhelmed.

The latest emergency room closings are the fifth and sixth in two years, causing some officials to worry about a shortage of emergency care in the state's most populous region.

"We cannot stand any more closures in an emergency system capacity in Los Angeles; this system is on the brink of absolute chaos," said Jim Loft, executive vice president of the Hospital Association of Southern California.

They blamed a decrease in reimbursements for treatment of uninsured patients, many of whom use the emergency room as their primary care facility.

Stories and photos from news wires



Author Peter Wallner was surprised to find a lock of hair within a letter while researching the historic archives on the life of President Franklin Pierce. The letter and lock of hair were from Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, the wife of Alexander Hamilton, and sent to Pierce's wife, Jane.

## An odd lock

### Author finds hair sent to former president's wife

By KATHY MCCORMACK  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — You just never know what you'll find in the historical archives.

An author researching the life of President Franklin Pierce came across an odd piece of correspondence sent to Pierce's wife, Jane: a letter containing a lock of hair from a friend who had just passed away.

The friend was Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton. She had outlived her husband — who was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804 — by some 50 years and spent her later life in Washington, preserving his memory.

The letter, dated Nov. 9, 1854 — the day she died — was sent to Jane Pierce by one of Elizabeth Hamilton's sons, James. It presented her with the hair "of her venerable and truly pious and excellent friend," and thanked the Pierces "for their kindness and attention to his sainted mother."

Jane Pierce documented the item in her own handwriting on a piece of paper folded with the letter, and on an envelope that contained it. A short poem written on the inside of the envelope says "the spirit of the loved and the departed are with us."

Giving someone a lock of hair was very common in the 19th century, said Wes Balla, the New Hampshire Historical Society's director of collections and exhibitions. For example, if a husband and wife were separated from one another due to travel, they might keep a portrait miniature along with a lock of hair of their beloved. "It's a physical reminder of a bond," he said.

Peter Wallner, who just published Part I of a Franklin Pierce biography, recently found the letter in the Pierce papers stored at the historical society.

For the historical society, the items confirmed a relationship between the then-first lady and a woman who had a direct link to one of the founding fathers of the United States. It was known that the two had corresponded, but there are no surviving letters.

"One of the points of connection between the two women was that they were both very religious, pious people," great readers of the Bible who believed in charity and good works, Balla said.

Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution and the nation's first treasury secretary, fought in the Revolutionary War, was a confidant of George Washington and became an author of the "Federalist Papers." As treasurer, some of his economic plans were met with opposition by Jeffersonian Republicans, a force that gradually grew stronger than Hamilton's Federalist Party.

## AFRTS Television Schedule

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	Beyond the Glory	The Wild Thornberys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30	Strange Days	Headline News	SpongeBob	The Simpsons	Strange Days
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Jeanpaul	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights	Happy Days	Headline News
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	ESPNs	CHN Daybreak	The Amazing Race	ESPNs
11:00	General Hospital	Advisory Block			Pacific Report
11:30	Headline News	The King of Queens	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Andromeda "Pillars as the Sun"
12:00	Judge Judy	The Simple Life			Jeanpaul
13:00	Today Army athletes comment on the Olympic games and Iraq Olympic report	Fear Factor	Good Morning America	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Fear Factor
13:30					Legends of Airpower
14:00		Las Vegas "Luck Be a Lady"			Las Vegas "Luck Be a Lady"
14:30			Headline News	Movie **** "Harvey (1950, Comedy) James Stewart, Josephine Hull, Charles Drake	Pacific Report
15:00	Sylvester & Tweety	Pacific Report	The Early Show	ESPNs	Guiding Light
15:30	Teamo Supremo (E)	Late Show	World News	ESPNs	Headline News
16:00	Mechanics for Kids	Guiding Light	The Early Show	ESPNs	Headline News
16:30	Strange Days	Guiding Light	Pardon the Intrpnt	SportsCenter	Headline News
17:00	Jeanpaul	General Hospital			The Wild Thornberys
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPNs	General Hospital
18:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPNs	Access Hollywood
18:30	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
19:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	FOX News	SportsCenter	The Amazing Race
19:30	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams To Be Announced.	Andromeda "Pillars as the Sun"
20:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Headline News	Inside Politics	Mail Call
20:30	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Headline News	The Hot List	Legends of Airpower
21:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Headline News	The Hot List	Secrets of War
22:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Headline News	The Hot List	The Hot List
23:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Headline News	The Hot List	Movie **** "Harvey (1950, Comedy)
23:30	Access Hollywood	Today	Lester Holt	The Hot List	Today
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2004					
00:00	Movie **** "4 Little Girls" (1997) A look at the 1963 bombing of a black church in Alabama	1:00 Sesame Street (E)	1:30 CBS Evening News	MLB Baseball Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	11:00 Today
2:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	2:30	Countdown With Keith Urban	The Simpsons	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
3:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	3:30	Hannity & Colmes	One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment"	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
4:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	4:30	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
5:00	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	5:30	BET Nightly News	Business Rpt	Frontline
6:00	Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live		Headline News
6:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	XXVII Summer Olympics	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	SportsCenter	XXVII Summer Olympics
7:00	Judge Judy	6:00 Minutes I	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	Inspector Morse
8:00	Play With Me Sesame	6:00 Minutes II			Morse investigates the murders of two Oxfordshire neighbors.
8:30	Wheel of Fortune	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Nightline	NASCAR Racing	Yu-Gi-Oh!
9:00	Dr. Phil	Jumanji	Air Force TV News	Craftman Truck Series	SpongeBob
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Happy Days	The Simpsons
10:30	Guiding Light	ESPNs	60 Minutes II	One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment"	ESPNs
11:00	General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Pacific Report
11:30	Headline News	EveryBody-Raymond	Scrubs "My Fair Ray"		The West Wing "Angel Maintenance"
12:00	Judge Judy	12:00	Today Women's Olympic boxing; where Greece travels for vacation	Good Morning America	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
13:00	Today Women's Olympic boxing; where Greece travels for vacation	13:30	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News	Inspector Morse
14:30	Asah! Real Monsters (E)	14:30	Pacific Report	Headline News	Morse investigates the murders of two Oxfordshire neighbors.
15:00	The Weekenders (E)	15:00	Late Show	World News	ESPNs
16:00	Yu-Gi-Oh!	16:00	Mucha Lucha	Guiding Light	NFL Live
17:00	Jeanpaul	17:00	Headline News	General Hospital	SportsCenter
17:30	Headline News	17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood	The Wild Thornberys
18:00	Destinations	18:00	Destinations	Access Hollywood	The Simpsons
18:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	18:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	Baseball Tonight	Happy Days
19:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	19:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	MLB Baseball Teams To Be Announced.	Happy Days
19:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	19:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	FOX News	One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment"
20:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	20:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	The West Wing "Angel Maintenance"
21:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	21:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	Frontline
21:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	21:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	The Hot List
22:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	22:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	The Hot List
22:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	22:30	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	Inspector Morse
23:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	23:00	XXVII Summer Olympics	Headline News	Today
23:30	Access Hollywood	23:30	Access Hollywood	Headline News	Today



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## FACES 'N' PLACES

### Usher has no beef with Timberlake

R&B crooner Usher swears he has no beef with Justin Timberlake.

"I'm not in competition with Justin. I'm not in competition with anyone but myself," he told *The Boston Globe* in Friday's editions. "I'm not looking for that bad-boy image, I'm not a person who goes out looking for trouble."



Usher

It's been suggested that the two singers are less-than-friendly rivals, especially after Timberlake, the former *N Sync* leader, was anointed by *Rolling Stone* magazine as "the new King of Pop" over Usher.

Usher's latest album, "Confessions," has sold more than 5 million copies. Its singles include the infectious dance hit "Yeah!," "Burn" and "Confessions Part II."

"It's not just about a hit record, it's not just the marketing behind an album, it's about the talent, and I go out there and I work hard," he said. "No one can just take your spot. If you really work hard, no one can take your spot."

### Oh, Ellen! DeGeneres to play God

Comeen is getting a promotion — to supreme being. DeGeneres will star as God in a remake of the 1977 comedy "Oh, God!" The original starred George Burns as the creator and John Denver as a supermarket manager tapped as a new prophet.

Jerry Weintraub, who produced the original movie and also will oversee the remake, said he'll hire a screenwriter and director with the aim to shoot the movie during a break in DeGeneres' schedule from her talk show next summer.

Though successful on the small screen, DeGeneres misfired in an earlier transition to film with the romantic-comedy flop "Mr. Wrong." She helped score a hit with her voice work on last year's animated tale "Finding Nemo."



DeGeneres

### Fame 'Feels Like Home' for Jones

Norah Jones says she's finally adjusting to all the attention and all that fame.

Two years after her smash album "Come Away With Me" made her a household name, Jones released "Feels Like Home" and waited for the new wave of hype. Her first album sold 18 million copies and netted eight Grammy Awards. Her latest has sold about five million copies.



Jones

Everywhere she turned, it seemed, her face was on some magazine cover.

"I'm starting to enjoy it finally," the singer-musician told *The Baltimore Sun* in Friday's editions. "In the beginning, it was freaky. I'm just a musician, you know, and all of a sudden, I'm 'supposed to be this star.' Jones said she stopped reading articles about herself early on.

"People think I'm really melancholy and romantic and all this whipsy," she said. "I'm not at all. I'm very direct."

### Author's latest book was a 'batty' idea

Author Jacquelyn Mitchard hates that bats get a bad rap.

"I love bats," said Mitchard, who lives on a farm near Madison, Wis. "Little brown bats, they're my friends. They eat twice their weight in mosquitoes every night."

Her second children's book "Baby Bat's Lullaby" is about a bat who has to convince a child to sleep during the day because it is a nocturnal creature. It was released Tuesday.

After the release of her first children's book, "Starring Prima," Mitchard began thinking about another topic.

"The germ of this idea was planted when we were cleaning the barn for my assistant's wedding," she said. "I found a small bat buried in the hay and held him in my hand for a moment, and saw how sweet and tender it was before it took off flying."

# From silly to serious

## Jamie Foxx makes smooth transition into dramatic acting

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Jamie Foxx is a hero, an idol, an inspiration to a guy like Eric Bishop.

Foxx is the former "In Living Color" comic making his breakthrough as a lead in a drama this year with "Collateral," opposite Tom Cruise, and "Ray," in which he steps behind the dark glasses and glorious smile of the late legend Ray Charles.

Eric Bishop is Jamie Foxx's real name. "Jamie Foxx is the Superman, and Eric Bishop is the Clark Kent," the 36-year-old actor replied, smiling as if he was conveying the coolest secret in the world.

Bishop was the kid from Terrell, Texas, who dreamed of being a star. It almost didn't matter what kind of star: singer, actor, comedian, athlete. The high school football player was good at all those things.

But Jamie Foxx, the one sitting in his luxury bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel, with two solid gold dog tags lined with diamonds hanging from his neck, is the one who had it happen.

He's the brash, clever, ambitious alter-ego who wasn't content to rely on luck. He wasn't even content to rely on his natural talent, at least when it came to getting noticed. Jamie Foxx is the trick name that got him noticed during an open mic night at a club in the early 1990s.

"I wrote down all these unisex names that on this comedy place because they would always choose the girls to go up," Foxx recalled. "They picked randomly from a list. So I wrote down Stacy King, Tracy Brown, Jamie Foxx ... And they picked Jamie Foxx. I go up, had a great night and that's how the name stuck."

Foxx is notable for being one of the few comics to make a transition from slapstick to serious.

Foxx says he made the switch by making good impressions on the right people.

Oliver Stone gave him his first dramatic role as a football star in 1999's "Any Given Sunday." When director Michael Mann was casting "Ali," he took Will Smith's advice and cast Foxx as Buntini Brown, Muhammad Ali's manager.

Foxx recounts his casting experience with dead-on impressions of his directors and fellow actors.

He reteamed with Mann for "Collateral," playing a cab driver named Max, who through a cascade of bad luck is forced by Cruise's assassin to drive him around Los Angeles for a string of late-night murders.

"He's the realist, sort of the nerd, the square guy," Foxx said. Max doesn't necessarily want to be a hero.

"He just wants it all to go away."

But the story reveals Max as more than just "reluc-

tant compliance"; he's a man with failed dreams — his own high-class limo service, a vacation to a tropical isle — who talks big but never made it happen, and probably never will.

He is, in other words, the exact opposite of Jamie Foxx.

"I'm a go-getter, I'm a horse, I'm a dog," the actor said. Foxx compared working with Cruise to a game of tennis (evidence, again, that his whole mind-set is sports-themed). "You watch Tom Cruise, and he hits the ball back to you," Foxx said. "When you play tennis, there's a rally and a rhythm. ... Here's a guy who is at the top of the food chain and still wants to work. That means you got to burn."

No sooner do the words leave Foxx's lips than Cruise himself throws open the door to the darkened bungalow, grinning the famous Tom Cruise smile and asking, once again, for the CD of Foxx's music — which is now out of print.

"I got that stuff right here," Foxx says, gesturing toward the bedroom.

"I'm shocked," Cruise replies — and looks it.

"Every day I'd go banging on his trailer," Cruise said.

"Where's the video?" He says, "Ah, I forgot ... Kids and everybody are telling me Jamie's got these great songs! ... And I say, 'Yeah, he's been TELLING me about it.'" Foxx looks both embarrassed and appreciative. He released an album titled "Peep This" in 1994, but now downplays his music interests, saying the pop charts don't have much room for his style. "I wanted to do singing, but I'm glad I didn't." The music thing isn't cracking. R&B singers are dead. Hip-hop killed the R&B singer," Foxx said.

He'll get to show off some of his musical skill when "Ray" opens on Oct. 29. Although he lip-synces to Charles' voice, the late musician (who died after filming finished) gave him piano lessons for the role.

When asked to talk about "Ray," Foxx barely says a word before Cruise interrupts to praise his dead-on impersonation.

"Let me tell you about 'Ray,'" Cruise says. "When [Foxx] came in and we met — the three of us, with Michael Mann — in about two seconds we said,

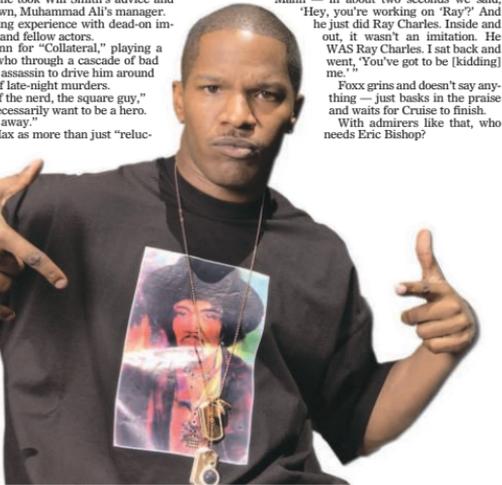
"Hey, you're working on 'Ray'?" And he just did Ray Charles. Inside and out, it wasn't an imitation. He WAS Ray Charles. I sat back and went, 'You've got to be [kidding] me.'"

Foxx grins and doesn't say anything — just basks in the praise and waits for Cruise to finish.

With admirers like that, who needs Eric Bishop?

While honing his craft as a comedian, Eric Bishop became Jamie Foxx. He has evolved once again — into Jamie Foxx, dramatic actor, in films such as "Collateral."

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# Horoscope

The key to success during a Capricorn moon is to make sure you're going through the proper channels. This transit is all about respect, tradition and status. Social groups are like delicate systems. There is a hierarchy in every set, no matter how egalitarian the group claims to be. Observe social interaction until you understand how things work.

Joyce Jilison



## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 25)** As of the top of this year, and you will receive the selfless care and adoration you project onto others. You're also quite bold this year. You feel free to experiment with your life and try on a new job, location or image in the next three months. By November, you will have completed a transformation. Love signs are Taurus and Cancer.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The stars reflect back to you what you project to others, especially those casual, daily gestures you wouldn't give a second thought to. Consider what you might be doing that doesn't coincide with the person you are inside.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Do not underestimate the power of influence now. You are quite susceptible to it, and in fact, you're a skillful executor of even the trickiest instructions. Commanding words will move you to amazing feats! You'll learn quickly.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your main question now centers around the word "enough." (Do you have enough? What is enough? When is it ever enough?) Building a reserve in different areas of your life will help ease your mind.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

There's a transformation taking place. Something you've been working on for a long time is now happening, and it could make you feel a mix of emotion: awe, fear, excitement and trepidation. In all, a valid response.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

When the 911 Commission proclaimed that one of the government's most costly errors was a "lack of imagina-

tion," it pointed up the tremendous importance of this most uniquely human quality. Make use of your fertile imagination now.

## VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're really in the swing of things. The prevalent feeling this afternoon is one of fondness — it's not dramatic and driving, but you're as comfortable around you as a special agent as you are in an old pair of LIBRAS.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Being a winner at life is simple but not easy. Follow this formula, and you'll soon be in line for a higher position with more pay. Plan what you intend to do, execute concisely, and be relevant to the action at hand.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

As a confidant and friend, you may find yourself in a precarious position. Somebody is counting on you to tell the truth or reveal all while another person is counting on you for secrecy. Your choice depends on your character.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your worst weakness is featured, but it's not as bad as it sounds. This quality or habit also happens to be the key to your strength. If you can stop trying to hide your fault and in fact embrace it, you'll see another side to it.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your sensitivity is acute — you'll know how people around you are feeling before they know themselves. In fact, you'll be aware of the emotional undercurrents in every situation you encounter. This is especially true at home.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

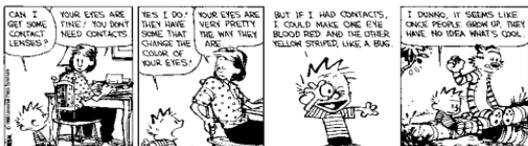
You're dedicated to your relationships, and this loyalty attracts even more friends to your side. People around you may be engaging in unwise behavior, but as your mother used to say, that doesn't mean you have to as well.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You would love to spend the day in dreamland, but the practical part of you thinks this is a waste of time. Be assured it's not! You've got to fortify your desire to succeed, or you'll lose your motivation in the middle of the project.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



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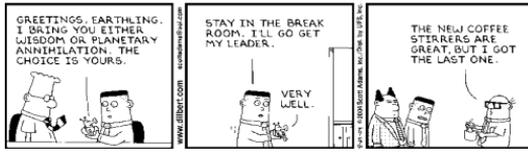
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: T equals O

# Man can't keep lid on sex secret

**Dear Abby:** "Lindsey" and I are co-workers. We have known each other nearly 10 years. We sleazeballed together on a recent business trip, and I agreed to keep it between us. I didn't keep my promise, and it got back to Lindsey.

She is terribly hurt, and sadly, I can't undo the wrong I've done. As a result, I have lost a friend and will always regret what I did.

Lindsey told me she had denied that anything happened between us to the person who approached her. She asked me to do the same and say that it was all a joke—that I had made up the story about our being together.

But I don't think it's a good idea for me to compound the situation with a lie. I don't see how it would make things better. Should I grant her this favor?

—Mr. Big Mouth in Brooklyn  
Dear Mr. Big: Yes, you should grant her this favor.

Considering the damage you

have done to your friend's reputation by crowing, a little white lie is not too much to ask.

**Dear Abby:** My oldest daughter is being married. Her mother is my ex-wife. My daughter-in-law wants me and my new wife to attend the wedding. Her mother says she will not attend if my wife is there. I should point out that my wife and I will be helping out financially. Her mother will be helping out minimally.

Is it appropriate for my new wife to attend with me?

—Father of the Bride in Arizona

**Dear Father:** Your current wife was the reason for your divorce, then your former wife's feelings are understandable. However, since your daughter has stated that she would like your new wife to attend, it is appropriate that she be there. One way you could solve this problem would be for

you and your former wife to be seated as far apart as possible on this special day. I hope she will consider this compromise.

**Dear Abby:** I hired a cleaning lady who came well-recommended. At first I was pleased, as she did what needed to be done.

Now I have discovered that some nice pieces of jewelry are missing. She is the only person, other than my husband of 54 years, who has been in the upstairs of our home. I have no proof that she took these items of jewelry.

How should I handle this?

—Mrs. B. in San Francisco  
Dear Mrs. B.: By all means talk to your housekeeper.

Explain that you can't find the missing jewelry. Ask her if she can help you locate it. If they don't turn up, it's time to call the police and file a report.

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Dear Abby

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(Answers tomorrow)

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Fiance still speaks with ex-girlfriend

**Dear Annie:** I have been engaged to "Jeff," a terrific man, for eight months. We both have been married before, and between the two of us, we have five children.

The thing that really bothers me is that Jeff stays in touch with his ex-girlfriend, "Elaine," whom he dated on and off for several years after his divorce. He and Elaine had a tumultuous relationship and broke up six months before we met. The reason they couldn't stay together is because she could not deal with his children.

Jeff and I recently bought a house together. I have no reason to distrust him, but I cannot get over the fact that he still talks to Elaine, even though I've told him how I feel. He tells me he will eventually phase her out, but he doesn't want to make an enemy of her. Also, her parents are his clients.

I don't want to be a jealous

Annie's Mailbox



shrew, but I have a hard time knowing my future husband stays in touch with a woman he slept with.

Jeff has been nothing but wonderful, honest and supportive in all other areas, and I don't want to make a mountain out of a molehill, but this weighs on my mind. Is it unreasonable to ask him to stop speaking to her?

—Morrison, N.J.

**Dear Morrison:** It is not unreasonable, but it is unwise. How often does Jeff speak to Elaine? If it's more than once a week, you can ask him to cut back, but otherwise, leave it alone. You say he is honest and you trust him, plus there are business reasons for remaining cordial. Let Jeff cut the cord his own way. He will appreciate your confidence in him.

**Dear Annie:** I am planning to marry "Bob" next year. His family is quite wealthy, and mine

is not. We don't want a lavish wedding—something simple, yet memorable.

My parents are not able to pay for everything, and I feel Bob's family could contribute more. However, they have not offered, and I don't know how to approach them. I already feel out-of-place with my in-laws because of the financial disparity between our families. Please tell me how to handle this. My parents are in dire straits.

—Bride in Alabama

**Dear Bride:** First, scale back your wedding plans so your parents don't have to go into debt. Then, discuss the finances with your fiancé. It is not unusual these days for both sets of parents to split the cost of a wedding. If Bob thinks his parents might be willing to pay for more, HE should be the one to approach them.

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"Knock it off! Olympic wrestlers don't use the strange hold."

# GRAFFITI

SOME PEOPLE'S COOKING IS SO BAD THEY HAVE TO FORCE-FEED THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Dennis the Menace



"MARGARET SHOULD GO INTO POLITICS. SHE'S ALREADY THE SPEAKER OF THIS HOUSE."

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## SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

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## Television

**Baseball** — Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 6 p.m. Wednesday; St. N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 1:30 a.m. Thursday; St. N.Y. Yankees (10-7) — Tuesday Night Baseball, Clarence Via, 10 p.m. Thursday; Kansas City Royals (10-5) — 7 KOs, Super Bantamweights, 10 p.m. Thursday.

**Motor racing** — Craftsman Truck Series "O'Reilly 200" — Thursday 6:00 p.m. (ET).

**Olympics (Note: Telecasts listed as "live" at all times; frequencies are live feeds of NBC's tape-delayed coverage of events; viewers should expect that they will turn to local TV outlets for real-time coverage):**

**Day 12**  
**1 p.m. Wednesday (SPT)** — Women's basketball — quarterfinals.  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday (AFN-A and PAC)** — 6:30 p.m. swimming: duet final; Men's beach volleyball: gold medal match (live); 6:30 p.m. semifinals: Cycling track final.  
**2 a.m. Thursday (AFN-A and PAC)** — Track and field: Women's 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 13**  
**6:30 a.m. Thursday (AFN-A and PAC)** — Men's volleyball: quarterfinal; Track and field: 1000m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 14**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 15**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 16**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
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**Day 17**  
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**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 22**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

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**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 24**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Day 25**  
**1 p.m. Thursday (SPT)** — Women's basketball: quarterfinal.  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 a.m.** — Women's soccer: gold medal match; Track and field: 1500m hurdles final; 400m hurdles final; women's 200m final; Diving: women's springboard, 200m final; Wrestling: Super heavyweight Greco-Roman final.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1**  
**Saturday, Sept. 4**  
 San Jose at New England  
 Toronto at Columbus  
 D.C. United at Chicago  
 Colorado at Kansas City  
 Dallas at Colorado

## Pro football

## NFL preseason

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	30	0
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	27	0
West	1	0	0	1.000	27	0
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	40	28
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	28	38
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	28	38

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	24
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	30	23
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	41	26
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	59	30
West	1	0	0	1.000	48	31
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	48	41
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	53	51
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	54	34
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	33	49

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	47	40
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	21	38
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	54	51
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	52	41

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	50	32
New York	1	0	0	1.000	37	32
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	57	46

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	1	0.000	33	32
Green Bay	0	0	1	0.000	25	35
Detroit	0	0	1	0.000	37	32
West	1	0	0	1.000	57	38
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
San Francisco	0	0	1	0.000	43	53
Kansas City 24.5	0	0	1	0.000	17	37

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Washington at St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	21	0
DENVER SPIROUS at San Francisco at Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
HOUSTON TEXANS at Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Seattle at San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo at Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Miami at Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Cincinnati at Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Detroit at Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Cleveland at Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
New England at Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Oakland at Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	24	0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee at Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Carolina at Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Jacksonville at New England	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Baltimore at Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Buffalo at Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Kansas City at Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Tampa Bay at Houston	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Atlanta at Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
San Diego at San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	0

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Atlanta at Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Indianapolis at Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Dallas at New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Miami at New York	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Chicago at Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	0

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Indianapolis at Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
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Indianapolis at Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Dallas at New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Miami at New York	1					



# Rivers, Chargers finally reach deal

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — Rookie quarterback Philip Rivers ended his lengthy holdout, agreeing to terms on a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers on Monday night.

The contract will pay Rivers \$40.5 million, including a \$14.25 million signing bonus. He can earn \$10 million more in incentives.

Chargers General Manager A.J. Smith said Rivers was drawn to the team's training camp from San Diego and was expected to sign the contract late Monday or early Tuesday.

"This is a fair deal for both Philip and the Chargers," Smith said. "We're just happy to have the negotiations behind us and a bright future ahead for Philip, the Chargers and all Charger fans. We're looking forward to getting him on the field and ready for the 2004 season."

Rivers, taken by the New York Giants with the No. 4 pick in this year's draft, was acquired by Chargers in the deal that sent quarterback Eli Manning to New York. Manning was selected by

San Diego with the No. 1 overall pick.

Rivers missed four weeks of training camp and two preseason games.

The 6-foot-5 Rivers is unlikely to get the starting job immediately. In his absence, three-year veteran Drew Brees has performed well and will likely lead the team at the start of the season.

In addition to Brees, the Chargers have three other quarterbacks on the roster, including free agent Joe Germaine and Drew Lemon, the team's No. 3 quarterback last season. Doug Flutie was sidelined after having surgery on his left knee but is now practicing with the team.

Rivers was a four-year starter at North Carolina State, and was the MVP of all five bowl games he played in during college, including the Senior Bowl.

He set an NCAA record with 51 career starts and is the second-leading passer in NCAA history with 13,484 yards. He completed 67.2 percent of his passes last year, with 34 touchdowns.

In four seasons, he threw 95 TD passes and completed 64 percent of his attempts.



Seahawks team physician Dr. Stan Herring checks the broken lower left leg of linemarker Chad Brown.

# Raiders don't think Woodson will be ready to play in opener

The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Charles Woodson's holdout will probably keep the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback out of the Oakland Raiders' season opener.

New Raiders coach Norv Turner expressed doubt Monday that Woodson, who is still away from the team, would be able to play when the Raiders start the season at Pittsburgh on Sept. 12. Turner said Sunday that he believed Woodson would be with the team before the preseason ended. But there likely won't be enough time for Woodson to get up to speed with Oakland's new defense in time for the season opener.

"Obviously the longer it goes the harder it is," Turner said. "I've been in situations where a guy came in [and] in a week and could contribute and play. But that was a situation where the guy had been in the same system and knew the calls, knew everything."

"Obviously when Charles gets here it's going to be harder. It's all new for him."

Woodson, tagged in February as Oakland's franchise player, has been unhappy with his current contract status and is reportedly seeking a long-term deal that would make him the highest paid cornerback in the NFL. He has refused to sign the team's one-year tender that would pay him \$8.7 million.

Neither Woodson, his agents, nor Raiders senior personnel executive Mike Lombardi could be reached for comment on Monday.

Turner has said repeatedly this preseason that he expects Woodson to be in uniform when the regular season begins but admitted Monday he has not spoken with the cornerback recently.

Oakland is switching from its traditional 4-3 defense to a 3-4 look under first-year defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, and Woodson has yet to be exposed to it. He did not take part in any of the team's offseason workouts or minicamps and has remained at



his home in Houston where he was reportedly working with a private trainer.

While the Raiders wait for their top defender, several other teams lost key players to injuries.

Seattle Seahawks' three-time Pro Bowl linemarker Chad Brown broke his left leg during practice Monday. And Baltimore lost center Mike Flynn, who started all but one game since 2000.

Coach Mike Holmgren said Brown will undergo surgery as soon as possible and is expected to miss at least four regular-season games. He was hurt getting his feet tangled with tight end Inala Mills during a practice drill.

Flynn broke his right collarbone early in the Ravens' practice session. He was part of the unit that helped Jamal Lewis run for 2,066 yards last season, second-highest total in NFL history.

New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks, who missed the first preseason game, will probably miss the third as well. He re-injured a ligament in the top of his thigh against the Packers. On Monday he was sore and back where he was when he first hurt himself.

Brooks said he doubted he would do much this week in practice or in the game.

"I think it's best for me to rest it and try to get the treatment I need so I can start getting ready for Seattle," Brooks said. "That's right around the corner."

Meanwhile, Vikings receiver Marcus Robinson will miss Minnesota's two remaining preseason games to rest his problematic left hamstring.

Robinson, who signed a four-year, \$9.4 million deal in March to be the Vikings' No. 2 receiver, left practice after tweaking the hamstring.

The same injury, officially diagnosed as a strain, forced him to

miss nearly half the team's padded practices in training camp, as well as Saturday's preseason loss in Atlanta.

Jaguars running back Fred Taylor will miss Friday's preseason game with Green Bay because of a strained foot, Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio said Monday night.

"He's got a little strain in his foot. It just needs to calm down," Del Rio said. "It's the kind of pain that with rest goes away. There's no sense in him going out and tweaking that or because he's feeling that, that it would lead to something else that would be a disaster."

"Our goal is to get him ready for [the season opener on] Sept. 12," he added.

Taylor has had injury problems throughout his career. He missed 23 games between 1999 and 2001 with various injuries, but has not missed a regular season start the past two seasons.

Bills running back Travis Henry is listed as day-to-day, opening the door for Willis McGahee to get his chance to be the Buffalo starter.

Henry missed practice on Monday with bruised ribs. While Henry's injury is not described as severe, coach Mike Mulroney said he could keep him from playing in Buffalo's preseason game at Indianapolis on Saturday as a precaution.

"It's not official, but I'm not going to push him to play if there's any pain at all," Mulroney said. "I'd maybe have a different answer if we were in the regular season. But I'm not going to push that right now. It's just to get him back full strength."

Both Henry and McGahee have said they want to start. And questions intensified last week when The Associated Press, citing a source close to McGahee, reported the player has asked to be traded if he's not the starter on opening day.

The Bills have maintained that Henry is the starter and McGahee will get his share of carries as the backup.

# Carter signs with Jets

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Quarterback Quincy Carter signed with the New York Jets on Tuesday, three weeks after his surprising release by Dallas.

Carter, who started every game for the Cowboys last season, was released Aug. 4, before the team's first exhibition game. Reports said he failed a drug test and the NFL Players Association has filed a request for arbitration in the case.

Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, told The Associated Press that the NFLPA will continue to press the case.

"We have to," he said, adding that part of the grievance involves potential salary loss to Carter.

With the Jets, Carter will back up Chad Pennington, giving the team an experienced second-rounder. Neither of the other two quarterbacks, second-year man Brooks Bollinger nor Ricky Ray, who played in the Canadian Football League, has ever taken an NFL snap.

Carter, a second-round draft choice by the Cowboys in 2001, started all 31 games in which he played for Dallas, including 17 last season — 16 in the regular season and one in the playoffs. In his career, he has 507 completions in 902 attempts for 5,839 yards with 29 touchdowns and 36 interceptions.

**Widings add Parris to CB corps**

EDEN PRairie, Minn. — Cornerback Derek Ross, who tied for the NFL rookie lead in interceptions two years ago, was signed



on Tuesday by the Minnesota Vikings.

New Orleans was the latest team to waive Ross, a third-round pick by Dallas in 2002. Ross started nine games that season and had five interceptions. He also returned kicks.

The Saints let go former Ohio State player who after he missed a plane and failed to report on time.

He was released by Dallas in December and was signed by Atlanta, where he played two games.

Brian Williams, one of Minnesota's starting cornerbacks, has a sprained knee and may not play in the Sept. 12 opener.

**Patriots release FB McCrary**

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots released veteran fullback Fred McCrary on Tuesday.

Primarily a blocking back, the seven-year veteran joined New England before last season, starting three games before he was sidelined with a season-ending leg injury.

The 6-foot, 247-pound fullback was a sixth-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Eagles out of Mississippi State in 1995.

He signed with the San Diego Chargers in 1999 and started 55 of 63 games in the next four seasons.

In his career, the 31-year-old McCrary has 105 career receptions for 598 yards and six touchdowns.

# California reaches U.S. semis

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSSPORT, Pa. — Sideman curveballs, regular fastballs and even knuckleballs. No matter the direction or the spin, Jordan Brower was nearly unimbu-

## Little League Series

Brower struck out eight and knocked in the winning run to lead Thousand Oaks, Calif., into the United States semifinals with a 3-1 victory over Lincoln, R.I., in the Little League World Series on Tuesday.

In other games Tuesday: Curacao played Saipan; Canada played Poland, Richmond, Texas, met Preston, Md., Panama faced Taiwan, and Redmond, Wash., played Owensboro, Ky.

Brower (1-0) settled down after a shaky first inning, retiring 10 straight and looking dominant against a Rhode Island team playing about 12 hours after a 5-4 loss to Morgantown, N.C.



Damon Divozzi (9) of Lincoln, R.I., advances to second on a first-inning single by teammate Jeremy Rethat as Tyler Karp of Thousand Oaks, Calif., takes the relay throw Tuesday in South Williamsport, Pa. Thousand Oaks beat Lincoln 3-1 to advance to the U.S. semifinals.

"I just came out and threw strikes," Brower said.

Did he ever. Forty-five of his 59 pitches were strikes. Brower walked none and Rhode Island batters in the late innings were taking weak cuts.

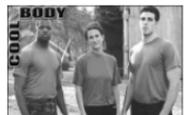
Cody Thomson struck out one in the sixth and earned his first save.

California snapped a 1-all tie in the third, capitalizing on some sloppy play. After Rhode Island starter Chris Costantino (1-1) retired the first two batters, he allowed a single to Steve McIntyre. McIntyre advanced to second with center fielder Damon Divozzi misplayed the ball.

Pinch-runner Adam Justiniano scooted to third on a wild pitch and scored on Brower's opposite-field single to left.

With two outs in the fifth, Leon singled, but ended up on third after a two-base error by right fielder Steve Ricci. Leon scored on a passed ball, making it 3-1. Costantino allowed three runs — only one earned — and struck out nine in five innings.

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# U.S. beats Canada in hockey exhibition

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hockey was back in North America, even if it's only for the 22 days of the World Cup.

Bill Guerin, Brian Rolston and Jordan Leopold scored goals and Brian Leetch had two assists as Team USA beat Canada 3-1 Monday night in a World Cup exhibition game in Columbus. "It was big for any team to beat Canada," Guerin said.

The United States, which won the previous World Cup tournament in 1996, got off to a slow start but dominated the final two periods. Canada did not get off a shot in the first 12:22 of the third period.

"We're three days from skating around by ourselves and being on the bench," Leetch said. "You never know what to expect."

After three exhibition games — a rematch Wednesday night against Canada in Ottawa and back in Columbus against Russia on Friday — the United States opens play Aug. 31 against Canada in Montreal.

The World Cup championship game is scheduled for Sept. 14 in

# Bryant case jury pool moves into spotlight

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Residents of Eagle County are a diverse lot — 23 percent Hispanic, 0.3 percent black. Forty-three percent of them are college graduates. And attorneys in the Kobe Bryant rape case would love to know what they are thinking right now.

Summonses went out last month ordering 999 potential jurors from the county to show up for duty this Friday, with opening statements not expected until Sept. 7.

So how to find an impartial jury in a case that has been in the news for more than a year and included headlines about the accused sex life and Bryant's hospital exam?

Jury consultant Joseph Rice of the Jury Research Institute in Walnut Creek, Calif., said some jurors might be so turned off by the tawdry details they won't know who to blame and might try to apply their own values to the case. Prosecutors and defense attorneys will try to eliminate those candidates before the trial begins.

"Some may want to blame Kobe and say it must be rape because a normal person wouldn't do this," Rice said. "Others might say 'Look at her, she asked for it.' This trial has layers upon layer of issues."

If convicted of felony sexual assault, Bryant, 26, faces four years in jail in prison or 20 years in life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said he had consensual sex with the woman, 19, at a Vail-area resort last summer.

Eagle County residents mirror the nation in some respects: The population is 74.2 percent white, just ahead of the national figure of 69.1 percent, and it is 45.2 percent female (50.9 percent nationally).

But they are better educated than the general public (only 24.4 percent of the U.S. population holds at least a bachelor's degree) and the county's median household income is nearly \$62,700 (\$42,000 nationally). They have a median age of 31.

Igdi D'Andrea, a jury consultant for Bonora D'Andrea of San Francisco, said recent mistakes in the case may force the judge to allow more questioning of potential jurors.

Among the mistakes: Court-house staff have twice posted the accused's name on a state court Web site and the judge lost a battle with the media and released nearly 200 pages of documents from a closed hearing on the woman's sexual activities.

"It's really hard to unring the bell," Rice said. "It has been rung, and ask people to forget what they've heard," D'Andrea said.

Both sides are expected to see if potential jurors are prejudiced because Bryant is black and the alleged victim is white and whether they believe a rich basketball player thought he didn't have to play by the rules.

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Toronto. The night before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires. A lockout that threatens next season is a distinct possibility.

## Stanley Cup temporarily missing in luggage mishap

FORT ST. JOHN, British Columbia — The Stanley Cup spent Sunday night in luggage.

The trophy disappeared during an Air Canada flight from Vancouver to Fort St. John over the weekend when Vancouver airline officials removed it from the plane because of weight restrictions.

Walter Neudrand, keeper of the Cup, was delivering the trophy to Jake Goertzen, head scout for the Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning.

As they waited by the baggage claim, it was Jake Lonero's attempt to realize something was wrong. "We were waiting for it to come out," Goertzen said. "Everybody's bag was there, except the Cup."

Air Canada agents checked the plane but there was no sign of the Cup, or its travel container.

After a call to Vancouver, they learned the 35-pound Cup was sitting in the Vancouver airport's

luggage area 750 miles away. It was too heavy to fly.

Air Canada spokeswoman Laura Cooke said the Cup was held in a secured facility overnight and flown to Fort St. John to be placed in its rightful home early Monday. Cooke said the airline is reviewing how the mistake occurred.

## Bucks re-sign Kucuk

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks on Monday re-signed forward Toni Kucuk after two productive seasons with the team. Kucuk, acquired from the Atlanta Hawks after the 2002 season for forward Glenn Robinson, averaged 9.9 points, 3.9 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game in two seasons for Milwaukee. "Terms of the deal were not disclosed."

## Crew, Sanneh agree to deal

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Crew agreed to terms Monday with veteran Tony Sanneh on a multiyear contract. The Crew were awaiting final international clearance from Sanneh's club in Germany, FC Bayern Munich, to complete the deal, team spokesman Jeff Wuerth said.



## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Hurdler Hayes, decathlete Sebrle set Olympic marks

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Joanna Hayes was the surprise gold medalist in the 100-meter hurdles after favorite Perdita Felicien tripped over the first hurdle and did not finish the race Tuesday night.

Hayes screamed, raised her arms in the air and then covered her mouth in shock after crossing the finish line first in 12.37 seconds, an Olympic record. She then fell to the track before running to the stands to accept congratulations.

Olena Krasovska of Ukraine won silver in 12.45 and Melissa Morrison of the United States was third in 12.56.

The old Olympic record of 12.38 was set by Bulgaria's Yordanka Donkova eight years ago. Felicien, a Canadian and the

## Track and field

reigning world champion, hit the first hurdle and stumbled into Russia's Irina Shevchenko — sending both sprawling to the track. Felicien walked off in disgust, then sat on the track and watched with a grimace as Hayes and Morrison took a victory lap wrapped in American flags.

**Decathlon:** Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic added the Olympic gold medal — and the Olympic mark — to his world record by completing a come-from-behind victory. Sebrle collected 8,893 points over the grueling two-day event to break Daley Thompson's 20-year-old Olympic record of 8,847.

The Czech, who holds the world record at 9,026, finally captured his first major title after taking silver four years ago in Sydney and finishing second in last year's Olympic championship.

The other two medalists also set records. Bryan Clay of the United States set a personal best 8,820 for the silver and Dmitry Karvov of Kazakhstan set an Asian record at 8,725 for the bronze.

Sebrle climbed his way from fourth and took the lead only after the javelin, the ninth of the 10 events.

Clay also climbed to second after the javelin, while Karvov lost the lead and dropped to third.

World champion Tom Pappas injured his left foot in the pole vault and withdrew from the competition.

The injury occurred as the American ran down the runway in his first vault attempt — at 15 feet, 1 inch. Pappas ran through to the pit, then walked to a nearby grassy area and sat down.

He pulled off his left shoe and

suck, then ripped through tape and began rubbing the bottom of his foot.

Pappas left the infield to have the foot rewrapped, then returned and began testing the foot, first in running shoes, then in spikes. He passed on the next height but decided not to continue after talking to coaches.

Pappas, in fifth place through seven events, put his poles away, grabbed his gear bag and limped off the field. After about an hour in the medical treatment room beneath the stadium, he left.

An American of Greek heritage, Pappas was expected to be a star of the Athens Games. A Greek bank paid for his family to come to Athens to watch him compete.

**Women's 400 meters:** Tonia Williams-Darling of the Bahamas won the gold in 49.41 seconds, beating world champion Ana Guevara of Mexico.

Guevara ran a season-best 49.56 for silver, while Russian Natalya Antyukh took bronze in 49.89. The United States was shut

out of a medal, one night after sweeping to victory in the men's 400.

**Men's 3,000-meter steeplechase:** Ezekiel Kemboi led a Kenyan sweep, winning gold in 8 minutes, 51 seconds.

Brimin Kipropo got silver in 8:06.11, and Paul Koehw won bronze in 8:06.64. Kemboi waited for his countrymen at the finish line, and the three embraced.

Kemboi won silver in the world championships last year after misreading the lap counter, thinking there were two laps remaining instead of five. He also plays forward on his local soccer team.

**Men's 1,500 meters:** Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco won the gold medal in a time of 3:34.18.

Bernard Lagat of Kenya got the silver medal at 3:34.30. Rui Silva of Portugal won the bronze at 3:34.68.

**Men's 200 quarterfinals:** Justin Gatlin, aiming for the Olympic sprint double after winning the 100, easily cleared the first two heats of the 200, along with the other two Americans.

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## Iraq soccer team beaten by Paraguay

BY DAVID CRARY

The Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece — The Iraqi soccer team's improbable run at an Olympic gold medal ended Tuesday night with a 3-1 semifinal loss to Paraguay. The Iraqis still have a chance for a bronze, which would be their war-weary nation's first medal in 44 years.

Paraguay made history of its own, getting two goals from Jose Cardozo and one from Freddy Benítez to advance to Saturday's gold-medal game against Argentina.

and a 3-0 winner over Italy. Gold or silver, it will be the first Olympic medal of any sort for Paraguay.

Iraq and Italy will play for the bronze Friday night.

Just qualifying for the Olympics was a feat for the Iraqis, who have been unable to play home games since war began in March 2003.

They clinched a berth in May, just three months after their country was reinstated by the International Olympic Committee.

The team's first-round victories over Portugal and Costa Rica

and quarterfinal win over Australia enchanted fans worldwide and gave beleaguered Iraqi citizens a rare cause for unified jubilation. Players said they were inspired by the support from home, but also sobered by knowledge of their compatriots' hardships.

The Iraqis played with pluck, forcing Paraguay goalkeeper Diego Barreto to make several acrobatic saves. But they could not contain Cardozo, at 34 one of the oldest players in the tournament.

A bronze medal won by an Iraqi weightlifter in 1960 is the only medal in the country's history.

## Hungarian stripped of gold medal in men's discus for doping violation

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The Hungarian gold medalist in the men's discus was stripped of his title Tuesday for failing to provide a drug test sample in an apparent attempt to beat the screening system.

Robert Fazekas, who won the discus on Monday night with an Olympic record throw of 232 feet, 8 inches, was disqualified from the competition and expelled from the Games by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

He is the second athlete in two days to lose a gold medal for doping. Russian shot putter Irina Korzhanenko's gold was revoked Monday after she tested positive for steroids.

In another case Tuesday in the drug-tainted Games, Belarusian high jumper Aleksey Lesnichy was kicked out after testing posi-

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tive for the steroid clenbuterol, the IOC said. He failed to clear a height in Friday's qualifying round.

Fazekas never got to wear the gold medal because the award ceremony wasn't held until Tuesday night. The title went instead to Lithuanian's Virgilijus Alekna, who had finished second with a throw of 229 feet, 3 inches. Another Hungarian, Zoltan Kovacs, was bumped from bronze to silver. Fourth-place finisher Aleksander Tammert of Estonia moved to third.

## Greek judo champion dies two weeks after fall

ATHENS, Greece — A member of the Greek judo team who fell from her third-floor apartment balcony following a quarrel with her boyfriend has died.

Eleni Ioannu had been hospitalized in critical condition for more than two weeks.

The Red Cross hospital said Ioannu, 20, died in the intensive care unit where she had been treated since Aug. 7 for multiple fractures to her head and body.

Ioannu, a competitor in the 172-pound-plus class, fell from the balcony after an argument with her boyfriend, 24-year-old Giorgos Christodimitrakis.

Police questioned Christodimitrakis and released him. Relatives and neighbors said he was inconsolable, and jumped from the same balcony two days later. He remains hospitalized in critical condition at Athens' Evangelismos hospital.

## Tremor felt in Athens

ATHENS, Greece — A small earthquake rattled some Olympic venues Tuesday. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

# U.S. men draw toughest test

## Undefeated Spain awaits Team USA in quarters

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When a day of drama had ended and the quarterfinal pairings were set, the news was not great for the United States.

In order to get to the semifinals and possibly the gold medal game, first the U.S. will have to defeat Spain — the team that led the widest wake of impressed and defeated opponents during the preliminary round.

"I don't know anything about what," Tim Duncan said about their the Americans cruised past Angola 89-53 to finish the opening round with a record of 3-2.

Here's the scoop, Timmy: The Spaniards have finesse yet are physical, they're led by an NBA player who's tougher than he looks, and they usually shoot about three-pointers the same way your teammates do — not all that well.

Spain's players had an opportunity Monday to take it easy against New Zealand, lose a game and thereby knock Serbia-Montenegro out of medal contention. Instead, they banged bodies as though it was a wrestling match, won by four points and let Serbia-Montenegro self-destruct later in the day, when China defeated the defending world champions 67-66 and advance to the quarterfinals while relegating Serbia-Montenegro to the 11th-place game against Angola.

Thursday's other quarterfinals match Lithuania-China, Italy-Puerto Rico, and Greece-Argentina.



Forward Pau Gasol, who plays for the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies, averaged 18.2 points and 7.6 rebounds a game for Spain (5-0) in the preliminary round.

"We went out and tried to get the victory for the respect of the competition, the respect of our rivals and the respect of ourselves," Spain coach Mario Pesquera said. "There's also another important factor: When you have a winning streak like we have, it's a little dangerous to break it."

Spain (5-0) won all of its tuneup games before the Olympics, and the Americans would be ill-advised to underestimate them.

"Spain dominated our group," New Zealand coach Tab Baldwin said. "I think any team going against Spain has probably got to be considered an underdog."

The Americans are likely to learn that you can't spell "Spain" without "pain."

In a game marked by hard fouls and confrontations, Spain's Carlos Jimenez made two free throws for a four-point lead with 12.4 seconds left after the intentional foul on New Zealand's Dillon Boucher, who violently threw Jimenez to the floor.

The intentional foul allowed Spain to retain possession, and the four-point lead was key as Pau Gasol — who plays for the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies — missed a pair of free throws with 9 seconds left.

The Americans' game couldn't have been more different.

Duncan scored a team-high 15 points in only 13 minutes, and the U.S. dominated the boards Barcelona-style with a 52-17 edge in rebounding.

"The only negative, I thought, was we turned the ball over a lot (12 times) in the first half, which has plagued us a lot in this tournament," coach Larry Brown said.

The U.S. lost to Puerto Rico and Lithuania in the opening round and defeated Greece, Australia and Angola. Under point differential tiebreakers, the U.S. finished fourth in its group behind Greece (3-2) and Puerto Rico (3-2).

"I'm really confident in the way we've been playing," Duncan said. "We wish we could have won some more and played better against Lithuania and all that good stuff, but we didn't and we're in the position we're in right now, and we're happy with where we're at."

# U.S. women's basketball team finally should see a crowd at game vs. Greece

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. women's basketball team will see something different in its next game.

Fans. Lots and lots of fans. Noisy, boisterous fans waving flags, clapping and stamping their feet. And almost all of them cheering for the opponent.

When the Americans play Greece in the quarterfinals of the medal round Wednesday, they'll be the visiting team in the truest sense.

They're in their own country and you can add 10 to 15 points on top of what they're going to do," Dawn Staley said. "You have to be ready for the crowd. We know they're going to play loudly and we know what they usually play."

Even that probably won't be enough to sideline a U.S. team focused on winning a third straight Olympic gold medal. But it could make things a little more challenging for the Americans.

Boisterous Greek fans turned out in huge numbers when their team played in the preliminaries at the Helliniko Indoor Arena, which seats about 12,000. Now

there will be room for even more of them because the remaining games are in the 19,250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall.

"These people love their sports and love their country, so it should be a lot of fun," Diana Taurasi said.

Fun for the United States comes from winning, and that's all the Americans have done so far. They romped through the preliminary round, winning their five games by an average of 29 points with dominant inside play and aggressive defense that produced easy baskets from steals and turnovers.

Not many folks have seen their show, however, at least in person. The biggest crowd for a U.S. game was 2,000. The game with the Czech Republic drew a paltry 954. Taurasi's Connecticut teams used to draw bigger crowds for pickup games.

"I thought the crowds would be a little bit bigger, but for the most part, I think they've been great," Taurasi said. "As the games get more important, I think more people will start coming out."

The games certainly are more important now — lose Wednesday and you hope a medal is kaput — and with Greece playing, the place should rock.



Team USA's Diana Taurasi, right, was accustomed to playing in front of larger crowds at UConn than the United States' preliminary round games in Athens.

"I think the atmosphere is going to be great, not only for Greece, but also for USA Basketball," Yolanda Griffith said. "But we can't get too high or upset by the crowd. This is their home court, so we have to keep our momentum and not let the crowd get to us and just execute offensively like we're capable of doing."



Cuban super heavyweight Jason Estrada, right, receives a blow from U.S. Michel Lopez Nunez during the quarterfinals at the Peristeri boxing hall in Athens on Monday. Lopez Nunez won the match. Only two boxers from the nine-member U.S. team are still competing.

# USA boxing team taking a beating

## Estrada pummeled in lackluster effort

BY GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Jason Estrada shrugged his shoulders and attempted to convince his questioners that an embarrassing Olympic loss was no big deal.

His coach stared at the ground a few feet away, pondering everything that's wrong with U.S. amateur boxing.

Cuban super heavyweight Michel Lopez Nunez pounded Estrada 21-7 in their quarterfinal bout Monday night, leaving just two U.S. fighters alive in the nation's worst showing in the Olympics in 56 years.

Estrada's collapse was the latest disappointment for coach Basheer Abdullah, who arrived in Athens hoping to restore the American program's reputation. The United States' one-time dominance of Olympic boxing has eroded due to inexperienced teams, computer judging standards and the lure of pro contracts.

Perhaps Estrada already had dollar signs in his eyes when he started slow and got slower in the biggest fight of his career.

Despite Abdullah's warnings against timid starts, Estrada seemed reluctant to mix it up with Lopez Nunez.

The American team's fittest boxer eventually resorted to holding — a strategy that garnered boos, but certainly not a victory. With six seconds to go, Lopez Nunez broke Estrada's embrace and shoved him limply against the ropes.

The 261-pound Estrada was finished, and he didn't seem to care — a fact he confirmed a few moments later.

"If I'm going to lose, I'm going to lose getting hit as little as possible," said Estrada, from Providence, R.I. "I'd rather not get hit at all. This is long-term. This is

just one part of my life. There's a lot more boxing to go."

Along with most of his teammates, Estrada will turn pro soon. He fancies himself a future heavyweight contender — but to Abdullah, the coach of the U.S. Army's boxing team, Estrada doesn't sound like a champ.

"It discouraged me. I'm disappointed that he had that type of attitude," Abdullah said. "Somehow we have to find a way to make athletes take pride in representing the United States. (Heavyweight contender) Vassily Jirov said it best: Our biggest enemy is our money."

"When you've got somebody offering you a pro contract, that blinds you from representing your country and taking pride in it. Think about it: You're taking a kid out of the ghetto and offering him X millions of dollars (instead of the pride of representing the United States' Come on."

On Sunday night, American heavyweight Devin Vargas cried after losing his quarterfinal bout on a sprained left knee. Seven Americans have lost in the past six days, but only Estrada claimed to be uninvited.

Light heavyweight Andre Ward and middleweight Andre Dirrell — generally considered the team's best fighters — are the only U.S. boxers left.

On Tuesday, Ward pulled a big upset, beating two-time world champion Evgeny Makarenko of Russia 23-16.

Even if Dirrell also advances against one of the nine Cubans remaining in the draw, the Americans will win only two medals — their lowest total since London in 1948. The U.S. has never failed to leave an Olympics with at least one medal.

"We may make history the opposite way we wanted to make history," Abdullah said. "Right now we're on the brink of not taking any medals here."

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



The U.S. softball team lifts coach Mike Candrea after winning the gold medal on Monday.

## Dominant U.S. perhaps detrimental to softball

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Down to possibly its last strike at the tender age of eight, Olympic softball suddenly has a new problem: An American Dream team that can't find any one to swing with.

Sound familiar? Like the U.S. men's basketball squad did in 1992 in Barcelona, the softball team overwhelmed the competition at these Games. The Americans outscored the field 51-1, doing it with poise, precision and pop never seen before.

"It's going to be tough to match what they did," Australian coach Simon Koskovic said after the U.S. claimed its third straight gold medal with a 5-1 win over the Aussies on Monday. "But now it's up to the rest of the world to get after them, and that's going to be a challenge."

If not for the Aussies scoring a run in the sixth inning of the final, the U.S. team would have put up nine zeros in nine games — a perfect Olympics. The Americans broke virtually every team record, tied others and set individual marks in offensive, defensive and pitching categories.

They were as dominant as any team, in any sport, at any time.

"This team got it done," said pitcher Lisa Fernandez, who now has three gold medals and might go for a fourth in Beijing. "Our game never changed because of what the scoreboard said."

That is a problem.

Two years ago, the International Olympic Committee recommended softball be dumped from the Olympics in 2008. The reasons: The U.S. team was too dominant; Europeans didn't play softball or understand it; games were too long; there was little scoring and minimal media coverage.

The International Softball Federation responded by moving back the pitcher's mound 3 feet, the fences 20 feet and instituting the eighth-inning tiebreaker in which teams begin their at-bat with a runner at second base — all changes designed to bring competitive global balance.

The ISF also challenged the IOC's scrutiny

by pointing out that softball is played in 124 countries, gets consistently higher TV ratings than other sports and has never had a doping problem.

Softball is safe for now, guaranteed a spot through '08. After that, golf or rugby could take its place inside the rings.

Sadly, this U.S. team may have hurt softball's future. The other softball-playing nations are trailing the Americans — badly.

"It's hard to imagine being really good at something as being a bad thing," said catcher Stacey Neuveman, who hit one of the U.S. team's three home runs against Australia. "In our country, in our culture, the goal is to be the best you can be."

"If that's bad, then shame on the world," ISF President Don Porter said having a U.S. super team is a mixed blessing.

"There is a concern, certainly, but I don't want to take anything away from what this team has accomplished," he said. "We have to work harder to help other countries develop their softball programs, and we're doing that in many ways."

Porter said the ISF has given equipment to send to nations such as China, Russia and North Korea, handing them the tools needed to get up to speed with a U.S. team clearly above the rest.

Because right now, there is no other player like Natasha Watley. The U.S. team's leadoff hitter who wreaks havoc with her slap singles and speed. There is no power hitter like America's Crystl Bustos, who launched two home runs in the gold medal game, including a 330-footer.

And there is still not a better player on the planet than Fernandez. She went 4-0 and batted .545 in her third and best Olympics, driven by a desire to help ease the pain for U.S. coach Mike Candrea, whose wife, Sue, died on the eve of the Games.

The work has shown it can't catch up. In '92, it seemed impossible to think it would ever happen in basketball. But the U.S. hoopsters may not win a medal in Greece. Other countries learned how to shoot and pass a leather ball better.

Now, they have to figure out how to hit a smaller, yellow one.

U.S. seeks fitting finale for women's soccer vets  
Americans to play Brazil for gold

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

IRAKLION, Greece — Julie Foudy left the game with a limp, and then the stadium on crutches, her spunky attitude nearly as big as the bandage wrapped around her sprained right ankle.

"I think I'll just have them chop it off, and I'll drag my stump out there if I have to," the captain of the U.S. women's soccer team said.

Nice try, but unless the ankle heals in a hurry, the Fab Five will be without a key member Thursday when they play for the gold medal.

Foudy's injury was one of several head-smacking developments late in a game that had been going the Americans' way. After giving up a last-gasp goal and blowing an easy scoring chance in overtime, the U.S. team finally beat World Cup champion Germany 2-1 Monday night on Heather O'Reilly's goal nine minutes into the extra period.

The win gives the Fab Five — long-standing stars Mia Hamm, Joy Fawcett, Brandi Chastain, Kristine Lilly and Foudy — a chance to go out as champions in their final tournament together.

"The whole year it's kind of been our focus," said O'Reilly, the youngest player on the roster. "What these women have done for the last 10 years has been remarkable, and this is it for some of them. As young players, we wouldn't be happy putting them out with anything but a gold."

The Americans face an interesting rematch with Brazil, a 1-0 winner over Sweden, for the Olympic title Thursday in Athens.

Brazil's coach accused the U.S. team of deliberately trying to hurt his players in a 2-0 loss last week in the first round.

Germany will play Sweden in the bronze medal game.

Even though the young players on the U.S. team had spoken of their mission to send the veterans out on top, the vets themselves and coach April Heinrichs had downplayed the topic because they felt it put unnecessary pressure on the team as a whole.

Then, in an unexpected twist, Heinrichs

raised the matter in her locker-room speech before kickoff against Germany. He voice cracked with emotion as she repeated her words following the game.

"It's fitting for these players to go out on top," Heinrichs said. "We owe it to them."

Hamm, for one, was caught off guard. She had genuinely tried to stay focused on each game as it came, without thinking of how close she was to the end of her career.

"I had an emotional reaction," Hamm said. "Because you don't want it to be your last game. You're kind of putting it out of your mind, and then someone just puts it front and center."

The speech sure didn't hurt. The Americans dominated most of the game and were unlucky they didn't win it in regulation. The Germans' tying goal came on a shot from Isabell Bachor that deflected off Fawcett's hip two minutes into second-half injury time.

O'Reilly then had an open net in front of her early in overtime, but she rushed her shot and hit the post. A few minutes later, she scored the game-winner, a 6-yard right-footed shot with an assist from Hamm.

It was an appropriate pass from old to young. In a 2-2 year-old resting superstar to a 19-year-old college student who was screaming Hamm's name as a fan just a few years ago.

There is more time for the game, and her love for this team, inspires us old bags a lot," Hamm said.

Hamm credited the goal by moving in from the right flank, which drew the German defense her way. She said the maneuver was a result of studying tapes of last year's 3-0 loss to Germany in the World Cup semifinals, a sour defeat that had lingered on the Americans' minds all year. Germany went on to win the Cup and entered the Olympics ranked No. 1 in the world, a place the United States had held for so long.

Afterward, exhausted from 120 minutes of soccer, the Americans started to regroup. One more victory is needed to complete the Fab Five's Olympic last year.

"It's over," forward Abby Wambach said. "These women more than anybody know that."

## U.S. upset on last-second goal in women's water polo semis

BY JOHN PYE

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Manuela Zanchi scored with two seconds left to give Italy a 6-5 upset victory over the world champion Americans on Tuesday in the semifinals in women's water polo.

The Italians advanced to the finals against France, a 6-2 winner over Australia later Tuesday.

The United States will face Australia for Brazil in a rematch of the Sydney 2000 final won by the Aussies.

"I'm very shocked," said American Brenda Villa, part of the silver-medal squad four years ago. "I really thought we could hold them off. Our goal was the gold medal, but that's gone. We came here for a medal and we must finish that — only now it's for bronze."

The U.S. team went into the semifinal quite confident because it beat Italy in the world championships last year.

The Americans were leading this game 4-2 after three periods. The Italians rallied with two goals from Tania di Mario and another by Giusy Malato to move ahead 5-4.

Ellen Estes pulled the Americans even with 1:11 left, but Zanchi was left wide open to score from the left of the goal.

U.S. coach Guy Baker was seething about a call in the last minute, when the Americans were penalized for an offensive foul.

He didn't comment on the decision, but said the result was devastating for his team.

"It's the Olympics. I think you should be really excited when it's all over, or you should be crushed — we're crushed," he said.

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# Gymnastics losing its grip

## Competition ends with boos, whining over disputed gold

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ATHENS, Greece — American Paul Hamm is heading home, and he's taking his gold medal with him.

The South Koreans are still looking for someone to give them a duplicate medal to make up for the scoring error that cost their gymnast in the men's all-around. Not to be outdone, the Russians are lodging general protests with anybody who will listen, and some who won't.

Yes, the gymnastics competition may be over at the Athens Olympics, but the whining might keep going all the way to Beijing.

"Truly in my heart, I believe that I am the Olympic champion. I don't feel as if I should be giving the medal back or another one should be awarded," Hamm said Tuesday before heading back to the United States.

"I enjoyed a lot of the Olympics," he added. "But once the controversy hit, I've been very stressed out."

No wonder. Hamm had one day to savor his accomplishment of being the first U.S. man to win the Olympic all-around title, winning with one of the most spectacular comebacks the sport has ever seen.

Then the International Gymnastics Federation admitted that its judges had made a mistake, giving Yang Tae-young a 9.9 start value for his parallel bars routine when it should have been a 10.

Yang finished third, 0.049 points behind Hamm, who came back from 12th with two events left for the victory. But add in that extra 0.100, and Yang would have finished first and Hamm second.

Kim Dae-eun of South Korea would have won the bronze instead of silver.

FIG apologized for the mistake, and suspended the two judges who determined the start values — Benjamin Bango of Spain and Oscar Buitrago Reyes of Colombia — along with the judge who oversaw the panel, George Beekstead of the United States.



Paul Hamm waited 8½ minutes for a booing crowd to quiet down before performing his silver medal-winning high-bar routine.

But it could do nothing else, FIG President Bruno Grandi said.

"I don't have the possibility to change it," Grandi told The Associated Press. "Our rules don't allow it."

Which means forget about those negotiations between the South Koreans and the U.S. Olympic Committee, which said Monday it would be "willing to consider the notion" of a second gold medal. The International Olympic Committee won't go near that idea unless FIG requests it.

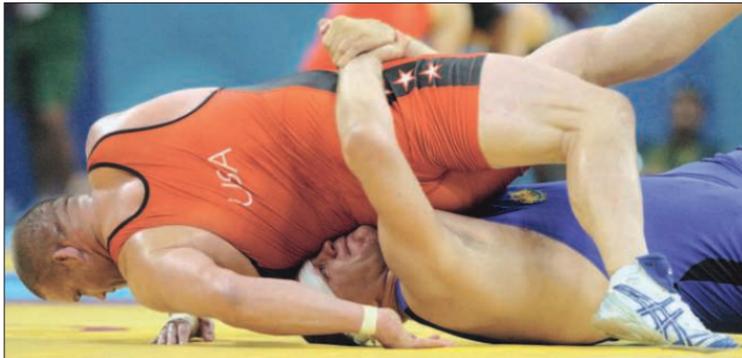
That leaves the South Koreans empty-handed, and still looking for satisfaction. They want a duplicate gold medal for Yang, and promised to take their case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

But they still hadn't filed an appeal as of Tuesday night.

"We don't have any updates today," said Jae Soon-yoo, an official for the South Korean delegation. "I can't give you a timeframe."

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## U.S. pins hopes on Gardner



Rulon Gardner of the USA, left, wrestles Bulgaria's Serguey Moreyko during a Greco-Roman super heavyweight elimination bout at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Tuesday. Gardner, the 2000 Olympic gold medalist, won all three matches to move into the semifinals.



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### Medal count

Leaders after 195 of 197 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	25	27	19	71
China	24	15	12	51
Russia	8	17	21	46
Australia	14	9	14	37
Japan	15	8	9	32
Germany	8	10	13	31
France	9	7	9	25
Britain	7	8	7	22
Italy	8	6	7	21
South Korea	6	10	5	21

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